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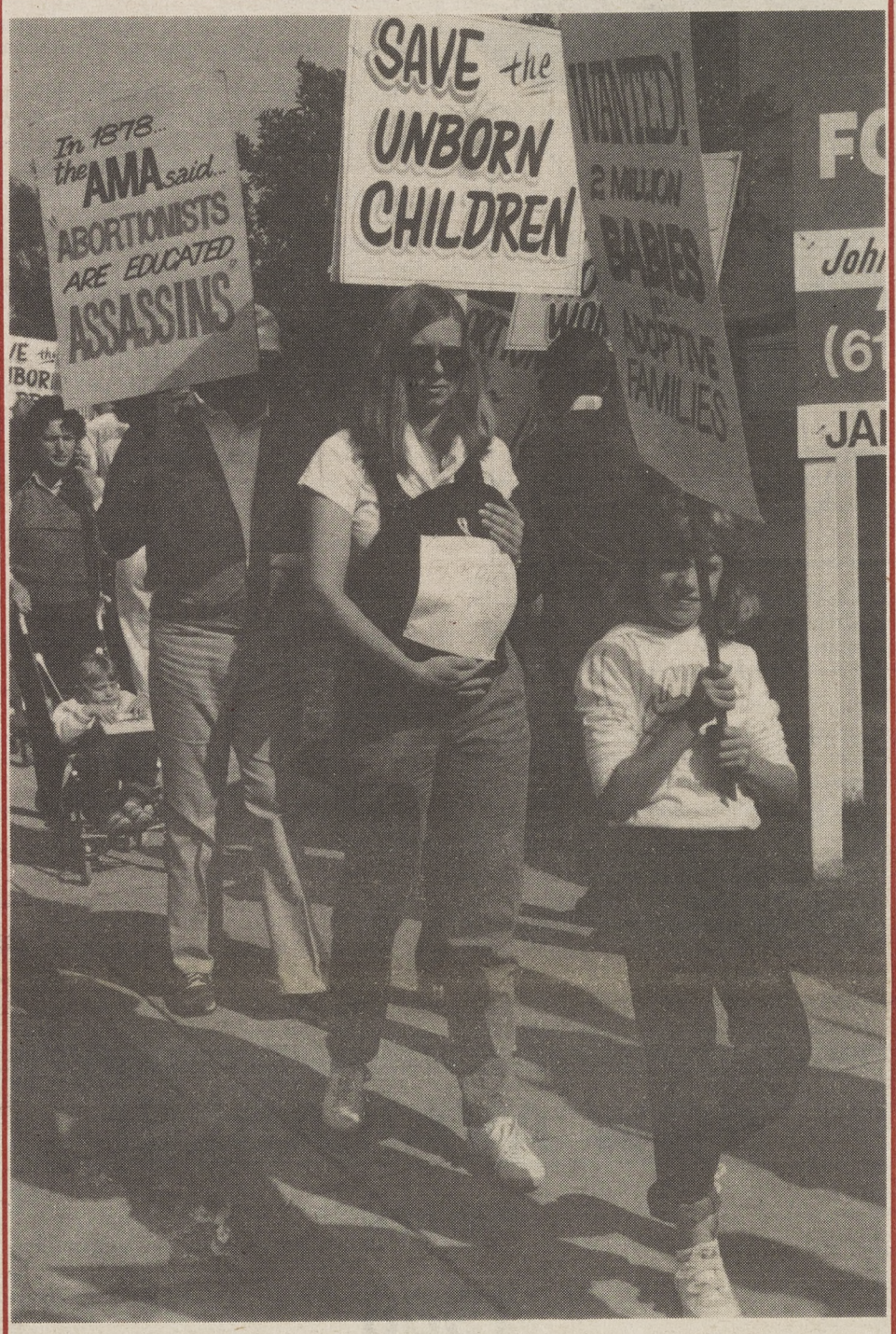


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SILENT MARCHERS — A picket outside the office of a San Marcos doctor who performs abortions drew about 70 people Jan. 22, the 13th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Demonstrators, members of several North County churches including St. Francis in Vista, carried signs bearing pro-life slogans as they marched in the picket line that began at noon and ended at 5 p.m.

Local rallies mark court decision on abortion

By Joyce Carr
and Veronica Garcia

SAN DIEGO — A few days after San Diego commemorated Martin Luther King's struggle for civil rights, local pro-life groups joined forces in their struggle for the rights of the unborn.

They converged at Balboa Park and other areas in the diocese Jan. 22, the 13th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

"WE ARE not here to celebrate, but to mourn . . . the death of 18 million human beings" aborted since 1973, said Joe Bauer of KFMB-radio who moderated the 11 a.m. rally.

He urged the crowd of over 200 to continue collecting the 630,000 signatures needed to place the "Choose Life" initiative on the November ballot. This proposed amendment to the California Constitution states: "No public money shall be spent directly or indirectly for the killing of innocent human individuals from fertilization until natural death."

Bauer also asked them to work for passage of state Senate Bill 7, which would require parental consent for unmarried girls under 18 to obtain an abortion. "Maybe the unborn have not gained much in the legislature and in the courts, but we are winning in the streets!" he exclaimed.

REV. JOHN Thill, pastor of Calvary Covenant Church, Poway, and organizer of the Pastors' Coalition Against Abortion, also addressed the gathering.

He attacked Planned Parenthood's full-page ad in *Time* magazine supporting legal abortion on the grounds that illegal ones are unsafe.

He quoted one woman who described her back-alley abortion as "painful, dirty, humiliating, and horribly dangerous."

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Ministries, talents are focus of Stewardship '86

By Joyce Carr

SAN DIEGO — "Stewardship is a source of love for others, and a source of thanksgiving, adoration, and prayer," Bishop Leo T. Maher told about 50 clergy at a meeting in St. Mary Magdalene parish hall Jan. 20.

He outlined the objectives of Stewardship '86, and Redemptorist Father Francis A. Novak explained the program's foundation and implementation.

FATHER NOVAK, president of the National Catholic Conference for Total Stewardship, played a primary role in developing the Total Stewardship Process (TSP).

Bishop Maher targeted special areas of need in the diocese: a sense of hospitality toward all people, including the homeless and undocumented, minorities, and homosexuals; improved pastoral outreach to separated, divorced, and alienated Catholics; increased opportunities for therapy for victims of abuse; more extensive use of parish grounds for services such as day-care programs and low-cost housing; and wider use of mass media, especially in the promotion of family values.

New family life programs should be established to enable "family members to develop their ability to care for and nurture each other," he said.

BISHOP MAHER reviewed some of the diocese's services to the poor in 1985. It collected $100,000 and two carloads of food, clothing, and blankets for Mexico City's earthquake victims, he said.

The diocese also signed a $4,200,000 contract to construct the first phase of the St. Vincent de Paul shelter for the homeless. An additional $2 million will be needed to build medical and counseling facilities and shower rooms, Bishop Maher added.

"The three-dimensional character of Total Stewardship has its origin in the Blessed Trinity," Father Novak explained.

THE FOUNDATION for Stewardship of treasure is the activity appropriated to God the Father, he said. The Father created the earth — the treasure — and generated "his Son who jewels the earth with his Incarnation and Eucharistic presence," he said.

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Annual march for life sparks pro-life rallies

NC News Service

A national march and prayer vigil in Washington as well as marches, vigils, rallies and prayer services in local communities across the country marked the 13th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion Jan. 22.

This year's observance also brought a plea from two pro-lifers to President Reagan for a pardon for criminals convicted of abortion clinic bombings, and brought arrest to 10 people who prayed on the steps of the Supreme Court for an end to abortion.

AS AMERICANS neared the 13th anniversary, Catholic bishops around the country urged new pro-life efforts.

Several bishops, also marking the first federal holiday observance Jan. 20 of the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., linked a struggle for unborn rights today with Dr. King's struggle for Black rights two decades earlier.

Others linked abortion with growing tendencies to accept infanticide and euthanasia.

CARDINAL JOSEPH Bernardin of Chicago urged protection of fragile human life "at every stage and in every circumstance" at a March for Life vigil Jan. 21 in Washington at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The cardinal, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, called for creating "a climate in which the value and sanctity of human life are acknowledged, affirmed, and defended."

Police estimated that a crowd of about 7,000 marchers from around the country gathered in Washington. Busloads of people marched behind signs and banners that proclaimed their anti-abortion stand.

BEFORE THEIR march to the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court, the demonstrators gathered at the Ellipse, near the White House, to listen to a number of speakers, including President Reagan.

Reagan, speaking from the Oval Office, pledged that he would work with them "to overturn the tragedy of Roe vs. Wade," the 1973 abortion decision that sparked the annual protest.

"Again this year I'm proud to stand with you in your long march for life," he said.

Later the president met with 24 anti-abortion leaders invited to the White House. According to meeting participants, two of the leaders asked Reagan to pardon criminals convicted of abortion clinic bombings, but he took no action on the suggestion.

AFTER THE president's live address to the crowd, Nellie J. Gray, addressing Reagan and the crowd, called again for the Paramount Human Life Amendment, which would outlaw abortion without exceptions.

Another speaker, Rep. Robert K. Dornan, R-Calif, referred to remarks by Mother Teresa when he called abortion "the destroyer of life, of peace, of unity, of joy" and said the fruits of abortion are nuclear war.

At the end of the march, 10 people were arrested while kneeling on the steps of the Supreme Court. A spokeswoman for the Supreme Court police said the 10 were arrested for violating a federal code prohibiting demonstrations on the grounds of the Supreme Court.

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Briefs

BISHOPS OPPOSE CASINOS — Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami has expressed opposition to casino gambling, a proposal that will be placed on the ballot for Florida voters in November. The proposed legislation would legalize casino gambling in any Florida county where voters are in favor of it. Archbishop McCarthy said that he and Florida's seven other bishops jointly oppose casino gambling in the state. He said, "The casino atmosphere invites unsavory companions into a community — an increase in street crime, open prostitution, loan sharking, corruption of officials, alcohol and drug abuse, undesirable visitors, opportunities for crime syndicates to flourish, and community deterioration."

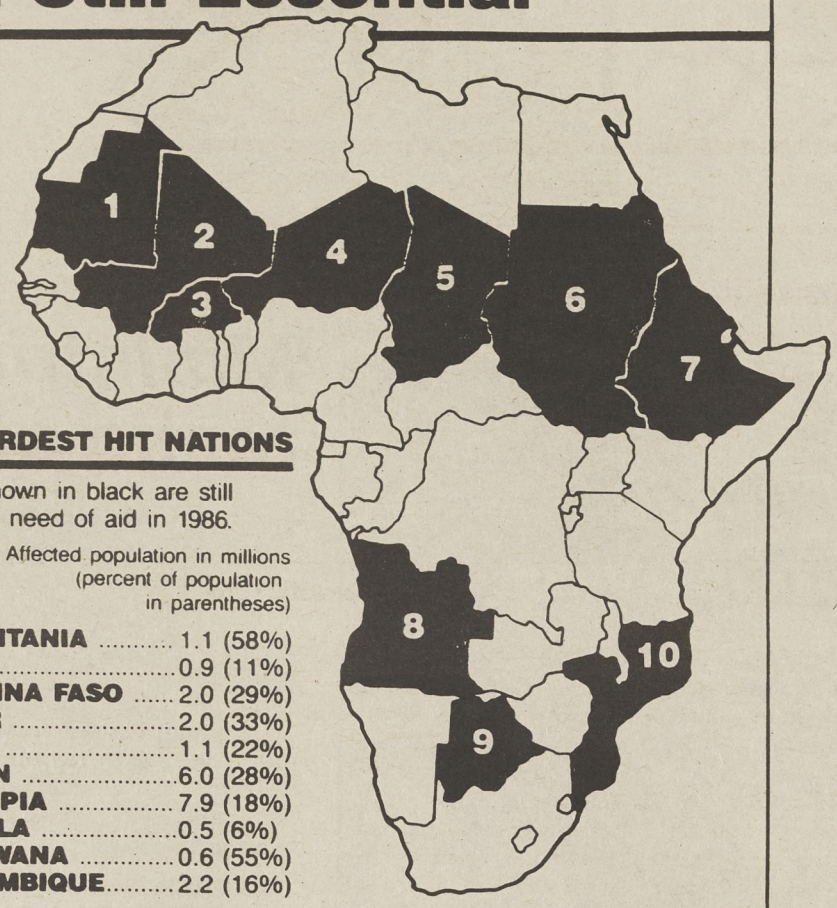
Louisiana's Catholic bishops also expressed opposition to a proposal by Gov. Edwin Edwards to allow casino gambling in the state. The bishops, however, took no position on a proposal for a state lottery saying they would leave that question to the judgment of Louisiana's voters.

'BABY DOE' CASE — The Supreme Court heard arguments Jan. 15 on whether the federal government has the authority to enforce "Baby Doe" rules concerning medical treatment of severely handicapped newborns. Assistant Attorney General Charles J. Cooper asked the court to reinstate the rules that gave federal investigators power to intervene directly in decisions about treatment of handicapped infants. Lawyers for the American Hospital Association and the American Medical Association said Congress never intended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to give the government the authority to intervene in medical decisions over the objections of doctors and parents.

PRESSING NEED — Citing the acute shortage of priests in some U.S. dioceses, a Kentucky pastor has received permission from his bishop to relocate to an area where there is an immediate and more pressing need for priests. Bishop William A. Hughes of Covington, Ky., approved the request from Father Charles Rooks, pastor of St. Julian Parish in Middlesboro. Father Rooks had not determined in which diocese he will apply to serve. He will remain pastor in Middlesboro until July 1. "Comparatively speaking," Father Rooks said, "the Covington Diocese is much better off than places where one out of five parishes is without any priest at all."

LABOR DISPUTE PROGRESS — Initial progress by a commission in a 7-year-old labor dispute between farmworkers and the Campbell Soup Co. has brought "new hope" for a workable solution, said Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York. Cardinal O'Connor, speaking as chairman of the Committee on Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference, expressed pleasure that the commission, established last year, has been able to bring representatives of farmworkers, growers, and Campbell to the negotiating table.

FAMINE IN AFRICA: Aid Still Essential



TEN HARDEST HIT NATIONS

Nations shown in black are still urgently in need of aid in 1986.

Affected population in millions (percent of population in parentheses)

1 **MAURITANIA** 1.1 (58%)
2 **MALI** 0.9 (11%)
3 **BURKINA FASO** 2.0 (29%)
4 **NIGER** 2.0 (33%)
5 **CHAD** 1.1 (22%)
6 **SUDAN** 6.0 (28%)
7 **ETHIOPIA** 7.9 (18%)
8 **ANGOLA** 0.5 (6%)
9 **BOTSWANA** 0.6 (55%)
10 **MOZAMBIQUE** 2.2 (16%)

Source: UN, Africare

NC/UPI map

FAMINE NOT OVER — Drought-ending rains and humanitarian efforts have eased the worst of Africa's famine, but relief agencies, while applauding the global response, warn that the crisis is far from over. Map indicates the worst-hit countries.

MILITARY CUTS NEEDED — The U.S. government should reduce its military spending as one step in meeting the social needs of the poor, Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee told a congressional symposium. Archbishop Weakland is chairman of the Catholic bishops' committee drafting a national pastoral letter on the American economy. "I am sure the bishops feel very strongly that enough cuts in the military could make the difference to meet all the needs (of the poor) that we're concerned about," he said. He is convinced, he said, that the United States "can reduce its military expenditures and still keep within the safety level."

FAITH DEMANDS LOVE — The greatest weapon Christians have against terrorism is the example of Christ's love for his enemies, the chairman of a national peace organization wrote in the ***Clarion Herald***, newspaper of the New Orleans archdiocese. Father Douglas A. Doussan, coordinator of Pax Christi New Orleans and chairman of the Pax Christi USA national council, wrote that "while hating the actions of terrorists, our faith demands that we love the terrorists themselves . . . because our one Father in heaven loves them."

NEW HEAD FOR CLERGY — Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Italian Cardinal Silvio Oddi as prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy and has named Italian Cardinal Antonio Innocenti, papal nuncio to Spain, as his replacement. Cardinal Oddi, an outspoken and controversial figure since being named to head the clergy congregation in 1979, turned 75 last November, the age when congregation heads are required to submit their resignations to the pope. The clergy congregation is responsible for overseeing the work of the world's more than 406,000 priests. It also has the primary responsibility for overseeing catechetics because of the Vatican position that priests are the primary transmitters of religious instruction.

Newspaper staff witnesses explosion

ORLANDO, Fla. (NC) — Staff members of the ***Florida Catholic***, the newspaper serving five dioceses in Florida, watched in horror Jan. 29 as the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after its launch.

At press time it was feared that all seven crew members, including New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe, died in the fiery explosion.

BISHOP ODORE J. Gendron of Manchester, N.H., whose diocese includes all of New Hampshire, said in a statement the day of the explosion that Mrs. McAuliffe was an active member of St. Peter Church in Concord.

According to Richard B. Carozza, director of communications of the Manchester diocese, Mrs. McAuliffe in addition to her teaching job also was a religious education instructor at the Concord parish.

Gary Morton, associate editor of the ***Florida Catholic***, based in Orlando, said staff members were watching the launch from a second-story window in their downtown Orlando building.

ALTHOUGH ORLANDO is about 40 miles from the launch site at Cape Canaveral, Morton said, "We can see the launches 12 seconds to 15 seconds after they leave the ground. We can see it appear on the horizon and follow it up into the sky."

Morton described the explosion: "It looked at first like everything was proceeding as normal — until what appeared to be the rocket boosters separating from the shuttle. Instead of a contoured vapor trail, the smoke blossomed out. Then you could see other vapor trails or parts falling down. At first it looked like a Fourth of July starburst without the glitter.

"Then about that time the announcers on the radio were getting very excited."

When the staff realized they had witnessed an explosion, Morton said, they were devastated.

Official

Bishop Leo T. Maher

Thursday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m., U.S. Grant Hotel Grand Ballroom, reception honoring Linc Ward.

Friday, Jan. 31, 12:45 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Senior Citizen Center, luncheon.

Friday, Jan. 31, 5 p.m., St. Francis Seminary Chapel, ordination to diaconate of William Lawson.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 5 p.m., St. Rose of Lima Church, Chula Vista, conferral of pontifical honors.

Sunday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m., St. Francis Church, Vista, Mass for 40th anniversary of Msgr. Thomas F. Byrne and 25th anniversary of St. Francis School and Convent Superior.

Sunday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m., Copley Library, USD, dinner honoring members of the President's Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Monday, Feb. 3, to Wednesday, Feb. 5, Manresa retreat house, Azuza, RECOB/RECOPS meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 6, St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, meeting of bishops and vocation directors.

Father Peter M. Escalante
secretary

Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez

Friday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m., El Real' Gusto Cafe, La Prensa de San Diego.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:30-3 p.m., retreat, La Quinta de Guadalupe, Imperial Beach.

Sunday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove.

Monday, Feb. 3, through Wednesday, Feb. 5, RECOB/RECOPS meeting, Manresa Retreat House, Azuza.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, Los Angeles Chancery Office.

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Briefs: Advice on income tax; Lenten series

OCEANSIDE — A benefit concert featuring music of the Big Band era is scheduled for Jan. 31 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Camp Pendleton Staff NCO Club. The Mellotones, a local group of musicians, will present a one-hour concert of Duke Ellington music followed by two hours of dancing.

Proceeds will benefit the Ecumenical Service Center, a multi-denominational emergency assistance program serving low- and no-income families and individuals in North County since 1982. Catholic Community Services is one of the center's sponsors.

Tickets are $10. For more information, call 721-2117.

SAN DIEGO — Strategies for reaching one's personal potential will be discussed at a free seminar Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. at Harbor View Medical Center. Improving personal power and making beneficial lifestyle changes are two areas to be covered. The medical center is located at 120 Elm Street. Free parking is available. For reservations, call 232-4331 ext. 137.

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Unit of the American Cancer Society will sponsor a low-cost mammography screening project for women over the age of 35. Twenty-five hundred appointments are available for March by various institutions throughout San Diego County to help promote awareness of mammography use as a cancer detection technique.

Appointments for mammographs will be taken Feb. 3-7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost of the breast x-ray is $50, compared to the average cost of $125 in San Diego County. For more information, call the American Cancer Society at 299-4200.

LA JOLLA — A day of lectures and an English country buffet lunch are slated for Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at All Hallows parish hall, La Jolla.

British lecturers Ann Gore, Alan Gore, and Sarah Bowles, experts on domestic architecture and decorative arts, will discuss a number of subjects, including life in the country and notable English collectors.

The day costs $30 and benefits the College of St. Catherine alumnae scholarship fund. Reservations may be made by calling 274-6259.

RANCHO BERNARDO — "Damien," an award-winning drama by Aldyth Morris, will be performed at San Rafael Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. "Damien" is a compelling drama depicting the heroic efforts of a Catholic priest in ministering to lepers in Hawaii at the turn of the century.

The play will be performed by the Lamb's Players. Proceeds will benefit the construction of a parish center and educational building at St. Mary Church in National City.

Tickets are $15 each or $25 per couple. For more information, call Ray or Eve Galka at 459-6725.



Sister Sally Furey

SAN DIEGO — The Old Globe Theatre board of directors elected their new officers for 1986, after six new board nominees were voted in by the theatre's general membership during their annual meeting Jan. 20 at the Old Globe Theatre of the Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts.

Five-year board member, Sacred Heart Sister Sally Furey, was elected president of the board. Sister Furey is vice president for Academic Affairs and provost of the University of San Diego. She is also a professor of English and an adjunct professor of law at USD. She has served on many boards and committees for national and regional educational organizations and has been the recipient of many awards, including the Governor's Award of Merit for achievement in education and women's rights.

MISSION VALLEY — "World Marriage Day," a pro-marriage rally, will be held Feb. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, Mission Valley. The event is free and open to the public.

Participants will be invited to renew their marriage vows in an interfaith ceremony to be conducted by a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, and a Jewish rabbi.

The afternoon also will feature free refreshments and wedding cake, dancing to the live music of organist Danny Topaz, and the presentation of the third annual Cupid Award to the television commercial that best displays positive marriage values. Honored couple of the ceremonies will be KFMB-AM radio personality Joe Bauer and his wife, Cindy.

The event is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more infomation, call Frank or Kathy Riedel at 274-1795.



HILLCREST — A group of cheerleading captains and mascots, representing colleges from across the country and visiting San Diego to take part in the Ford School Spirit Awards College Cheerleading Championship competition, took time out recently to visit the Mercy Pediatric Unit.

Mercy activities coordinator Linda Cooper Kler (left, with a young patient) and Mercy volunteer Margaret Radomski are seen here with the cheerleaders and mascots, "Cocky" (of the University of South Carolina) and "Mr. Ulf" (of North Carolina State University). They are joined by "Shamu" of Seaworld, which helped sponsor the competition.

SPRING VALLEY — Santa Sophia Ladies' Inspirational Friendship Experience (S.S. L.I.F.E.) will hold its first monthly luncheon for women of all ages Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Santa Sophia parish auditorium, Spring Valley.

S.S. L.I.F.E. will provide women with the opportunity to meet new friends, attract people to Jesus Christ, and encourage Christian relationships. The group will meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Luncheon cost is $3.50. Free babysitting is available. For reservations or information, call 442-7190 or 466-7593.

SAN DIEGO — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), will be available to help eligible persons with income tax preparation Feb. 3 through April 15 at United Way member agencies, public libraries, recreation centers, churches, financial institutions, and other locations.

Those eligible for the free service include senior citizens, the disabled, members of low-income families, and non-English speaking residents. Some middle-income level persons may qualify based on the complexity of their returns.

VITA volunteers are trained to help individuals prepare Forms 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, as well as schedules A and B, earned income credit, child care credit, itemized deductions, and other basic schedules. They can also help prepare state forms 540 and 540A.

For information on eligibility and locations, call 292-4777, 726-4900, or 560-2500.

EL CAJON — The Navajo Interfaith Association will sponsor an ecumenical choir concert Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon.

Choirs totaling over 150 voices from the following churches will participate: Fletcher Hills United Presbyterian, San Carlos United Methodist, St. Andrew's Lutheran, St. Dunstan's Episcopal, United Church of Christ in La Mesa, and Our Lady of Grace.

Each choir will present music from a different part of the church year. The combined choirs will sing three anthems.Congregational singing will also be featured. Following the concert, refreshments will be served in Lauerman Hall.

SAN DIEGO — Ten new members were welcomed into the Social Service Auxiliary of San Diego at a coffee reception in the Convent of the Sisters of Social Service Jan. 22.

Welcomed into the auxiliary, which limits its membership to 250 women in San Diego County, were Patricia Boudreau, Therese Caterina, Helen Franc, Linn Kinder, Patty Lewis, Katherine Maguire, Marian McCarley, Victoria Wade, Katherine Wall, and Nancy Milton.

The Social Service Auxiliary was founded in 1941 to assist the Sisters of Social Service in their work. They are involved in settlement house work in San Diego, Linda Vista, San Ysidro, and Center City, as well as operating Camp Oliver near Descanso. Services include English language classes for the foreign-born, day care facilities, and senior citizen activities throughout the city. Auxiliary members work on fund-raising projects throughout the year, with its main benefit being the annual "Charity Day at the Races" at the Del Mar Turf Club.

ALCALA PARK — The Institute for Christian Ministries at the University of San Diego will present a Lenten study and reflection series beginning next month. "The Passion Stories in the Four Gospels" will be held Sundays, Feb. 16 and 23, and March 2, 9, and 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Salomon Lecture Hall, DeSales Hall.

The minicourse, directed by Father Jack Lindquist, a scripture teacher and lecturer in USD's religious studies department, will provide an opportunity for participants to deepen their Lenten experience by exploring the depth of their faith through the study of the views of the cross as revealed in the Gospel passion stories. Fee for the course is $25 before Feb. 10 and $6 per session after that date.

"By Your Cross and Resurrection You Have Set Us Free" is scheduled for March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Salomon Lecture Hall, DeSales Hall. Father Ronald Pachence, director of ICM and associate professor of practical theology at USD, will direct the session. Cost for the course is $10 before March 10 and $15 after that date.

For more information, call 260-4784.

ALCALA PARK — The Beyond War movement will sponsor the workshop "Growing Up in the Nuclear Age" for teachers, administrators, and school board members Feb. 8 at the University of San Diego's Olin Hall.

Talks, discussions, and videotapes will focus on the nuclear crisis and the new mode of thinking necessary for survival. Sessions are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The $15 registration includes workshop materials and lunch. For further information, call 270-6616.

Viewpoints

Moments of crises can strengthen us

Editorial
by
Father Louis Copestake

Recently, I paid a visit to an elderly couple I first met a few years ago. Their large house in Shelltown is a bright pink, as are the trunks of the trees in their front yard. The meticulously kept garden is in bloom these days and is like a cheerful greeting as one approaches the doorstep.

I first met my friends on the occasion of their son's wedding. At that time, the wife was already suffering from advanced diabetes and took dialysis treatments regularly. The subsequent years have not been kind to her. She lost a leg, and now she has lost her sight. Her husband has become her eyes and her legs as well as her cook and housekeeper.

AFTER RAISING a number of children and working hard these many years, it's a difficult burden for her to be confined as she is now. Equally difficult is the burden placed on her husband. Yet during our visit, the talk centered on other things and other people, such as the "lovely lady" who brings Communion faithfully each week. I went away with the sense that this couple is coping well with life and is giving a priceless example to all who know them.

Dorothy Day wrote that even though we attempt to follow the Lord and take up our cross, we often make an incorrect decision. We either make a cross out of something that is only an injustice or an evil, or we let ourselves off too easily and carry a light cross custom-made for our personality. According to Dorothy, that's when God goes to work and sends us a cross not of our choosing — a cross we might have thought we could never carry, until we started carrying it.

We are to be pruned as the vine is pruned, so that we can bear fruit. This we cannot do ourselves, just as the vine doesn't prune itself. God does it for us. The routine of everyday life, as well as the special moments of crisis, are part of the process. Most of us would never set out on this path consciously or wholeheartedly, so God arranges it for us and gives us what we need to make it through our everyday affairs.

IF WE forge ahead and do not try to escape, we often are surprised by blessings as we make the journey. These are graces that come to us through what Dorothy Day calls "the sacrament of duty." There is a certain joy that comes from being on the job day after day, responding to the needs of the family or the marketplace. There is a sense of well-being that derives from doing good works and performing the works of mercy — not only the good works we undertake voluntarily, but also those imposed upon us by the circumstances of our life.

There is also a sense of victory at the thought that we have made it through another day and the burdens of life have not crushed us after all. This victorious sense is something I have often detected among those who are bearing up under the burden of poor health or terminal illness. There is strength at our disposal, which we never guessed we had.

It is a great victory indeed, not to have run away from the demands of life.

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Some other friends I visited recently were the people at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church on Serra Mesa. I've written about their Divine Liturgy in this column before, and we photographed one of their beautiful icons for our Easter cover in 1985.

Once again I attended the liturgy there. Then I stayed for a wonderful parish dinner of Lebanese food. The spirit of the people is ebullient and I rejoiced in the ethnicity of the whole experience.

MANY ROMAN Catholic people don't recognize that the Byzantines are our sisters and brothers. Latin rite Catholics in the United States also don't realize the difficult road that these fellow Catholics have had to walk here. The simple fact that the Byzantines even exist in this country is a triumph of the human spirit.

Most of the members of Holy Angels are Ruthenians, descendants of immigrants from Slovakia in eastern Europe. Their main period of migration was after 1880, their major settlements in the industrial centers and coal regions of the east coast.

As with the Polish and Italian immigrants, the Ruthenians were not entirely welcomed by our largely Irish and German clergy. Added to their problem was the fact that they celebrated liturgy according to a different rite, in a different language than Latin.

WHILE ROME was solicitous for their welfare, it was the desire of the United States' bishops to force these Catholics to enter the Latin rite. It was especially odious to our bishops that priests of the Byzantine rite were traditionally free to marry before ordination.

To make a long story short, over the years the Ruthenians struggled first to have their own clergy minister to them, and then to have their own bishops and dioceses. It was a struggle for the right to maintain their identity. In the process, thousands of Ruthenians joined the Orthodox church, where they could worship in peace.

Those who remained loyal to Rome gradually established their church and their rights. One compromise to which they had to yield, however, was that their priests in the United States might no longer marry. Perhaps this arrangement will one day be reviewed, since now even the Latin rite is ordaining married Lutheran and Episcopalian clergy who convert.

In any event, I am happy that the Ruthenians persevered and preserved their traditional identity. After all, they help Catholics to be catholic.

Collegiality is centuries-old church process

Behind the Headlines
by
Dick Dowd

The nice thing about reading church history is the perspective it gives on the present. Jesuit historian James Hennesey provides a refreshing sidelight on Vatican I (1869-1870) that makes it easier for us to understand the activity of the U.S. church and its delegates at Vatican II and the just completed world synod.

The first Vatican Council, abruptly halted after the Italian army of General Raffaele Cadorna entered Rome, "was designed by Pius IX to set the seal" of Catholicism's opposition to the political, social, and intellectual temper of the times — "19th century continental liberalism," says Hennesey in his book ***American Catholics***. It was, he notes, preoccupied with Europe's problems, which at that time included the aftereffects of the Enlightenment and the French Revolution.

A CONSIDERABLE number of Catholics today, for example, think that the concept of collegiality, in which all the bishops join with the pope in "concern for the churches" as Saint Paul said, is some new-fangled idea aimed against the pope, which changes the Church they knew and grew up with.

Not so. Collegiality has been with us from the beginning, but at times its exercise has been eclipsed — as it was after Vatican I. The pope's own diplomat in the United States, Archbishop Pio Laghi, made that exact point in his talk to the U.S. bishops last November.

"Collegiality has always expressed an essential fact about the nature and structure of the Church," he said, but "Vatican II brought collegiality into new prominence and increased its importance as a *modus agendi* (a way of acting), an operating principle."

ARCHBISHOP LAGHI'S entire talk dwelt on the ways in which our own American church has lived that revived principle since the end of the Second Vatican Council.

Over 100 years earlier, American churchmen had strongly reaffirmed the principle of collegiality, in union with the bishop of Rome, at their own second plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866.

Just three years later, at Vatican I, Hennesey points out, four-fifths of our 49 delegates were opposed to the pronouncement on papal infallibility as "inopportune," concerned that it might stir up the anti-Catholic nativists in the United States to more church burning and bloody riots against Cathoics.

THAT'S USUALLY all most of us ever hear about our American church leaders at Vatican I. Aware of their reaffirmed spirit of collegiality, Hennesey notes, they had a number of concerns of their own to express to the universal Church.

For one, they found the "mania for secrecy that enveloped the proceedings irksome." St. Louis Archbishop Peter Kenrick's recommendations show the bond of thinking between 19th century and 20th century American church leadership. His recommendations were:

1. To elect members to the "rules committee" (they were all appointed by the pope);
2. More time to review the credentials of candidates for other committees before elections;
3. Restoring the former practice of the right of individual council members to introduce proposals;
4. Open rather than secret committee meetings;
5. Adequate press facilities;
6. A better place to meet (or at least improved acoustics) because it was difficult to hear what was being said in the "cavernous north transept of St. Peter's Basilica."

Bishop A. Verot of St. Augustine, Fla., urged Vatican I to acknowledge the good faith of those who were not members of the Roman Catholic faith. Bishops Whelan of Wheeling, W.Va., and Elder of Natchez, Miss., wanted firm biblical scholarship to underpin any decrees. All the Americans agreed that positive statements of what Catholics believed should be emphasized rather than fulminations citing ecclesiastical crimes and punishment.

HOW FORWARD-LOOKING these 19th century Americans were is evident with a careful reading of the same positive, collegial approach taken by the Final Documentary of the 1985 World Synod of Bishops just completed.

Archbishop Laghi summarized it nicely in November: "The experience of episcopal conferences in general, and yours in particular, can be of great value to the Church's understanding of this reality (collegiality), which signifies diversity within unity, for the sake of fidelity and enrichment."

It certainly wouldn't do our present leadership any harm to do their own looking in the archives to discover the remarkable collegial heritage we (and they) have been given in our own American church.



Readers' Forum

Timely remarks

A belated congratulations on your ***Southern Cross*** editorial about the front page spread on Bishop Maher in the Copley Press.

I found your remarks timely and cogent. I am glad that you took the initiative. You deserve high praise and respect from colleagues and the community.

You have my support and best wishes.

Father Ron Pachence
University of San Diego

Glaring exaggerations

This is in regard to the article "Feasts, shrines more popular than Mass attendance in west European countries" (Jan. 16).

I am familiar with the situation of Catholicism in Germany. I visit my original homeland frequently. I agree with the content of most of the article but find some glaring exaggerations.

I can not give much credence to the figures given by the study by the ***National Catholic Reporter***, when I know that in the past two decades three new parishes were established in my hometown of Soest, Westfalia, a town of about 65,000, with an even Protestant-Catholic mix. Why then should one-fourth of the parishes be without priests?

It is true that everyone has to declare his religion on the income tax withholding form. Unfortunately, a person has to declare that he has left his church in order to escape the church tax — a very substantial drain on the Church, especially by those in the higher income tax brackets. We should always be mindful of that when attempting to mix church and state affairs.

Even the Nazis went along diligently with the state-collected church tax. In effect it made every priest a state-employee.

Letters

Finally, the real mistake in the article is in the amount of the church tax. It is 10 percent of the income tax a person pays, not 10 percent of the annual income — quite a difference, I feel. Still it leads to this great exodus from the churches. However, who would fight tooth and nail before giving up this sacred cow?

Herb Meeder
El Cajon

Literary degeneracy

The review written by David Elliott in the ***San Diego Union*** concerning the film "Hail Mary" gives it a favorable report and ridicules those offended by this blasphemous film. He calls it "the most beautiful film (Godard) has made."

The review given the film by the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property describes the real nature of this vile production. It reports: "The characters express themselves in vulgar language, often with such coarseness that it would be improper to reproduce here. At every turn, they swear, exchange mutual insults, and refer to each other in the most crude terms relating to physical organs and sexual acts."

If this sort of vulgarity and disgusting behavior exhibited on the screen is now considered to be beautiful, what depths of literary degeneracy are yet to be reached?

The Virgin Mary is respected and honored by 800 million Catholics as their spiritual mother. She is respected by another 500 million Protestants as the mother of Jesus Christ. She is, as the poet Longfellow described her: "Our tainted nature's solitary boast." She is everything beautiful in womanhood.

To say or do nothing about a film that is so deliberately insulting is to be guilty of spiritual cowardice. The biblical account of the Virgin birth of Jesus is beautiful because of its simplicity. The distortion of it is slanderous.

Sacrilege and blasphemy in a film is not to be considered an experience to be seen and reflected upon. Such things represent the desecration of that which is beautiful, wholesome, and good.

To hesitate to speak out when someone we love, admire, and respect is defamed should cause great concern about the state of one's faith. It is well to remember what one newspaper in Montana prints every day on the front page: "The deepest places in hell are reserved for those who do not take a moral stand."

Bob Wangler
Lemon Grove

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POINTS OF VIEW — A group of New York rabbis listens to speakers during the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thousands of marchers converged on the nation's capital for the 13th annual March for Life Jan. 22. Other signs illustrated the ecumenical flavor of the march — "Baptists for Life," Protestants for Life," and "Jews Against a Second Holocaust." Parishes, Knights of Columbus, and Holy Name Society groups were also identified.

Church must eradicate scandal of sexism

Opinion

By Luis T. Gutierrez

The scandal of sexism in the Catholic Church cannot be ignored any longer. It is doing great harm to women, to men, and to the building of the kingdom. There is something greatly disturbing about the Church's adamant refusal to consider the admission of women to Holy Orders. How we can condemn racism, and at the same time perpetuate the practice of sexism in our midst, is beyond me.

I believe the time has come to admit women to the diaconate, the priesthood, and the episcopate. This conviction is not an uncritical response to the feminist movement, sometimes a bit exaggerated in our society. It is the fruit of years of prayer, inner struggle, and much personal suffering. It is a conviction of the heart, rooted in personal experience. I cannot provide theological arguments.

ALLOW ME, however, to share the following reflections:

1. The subjugation of women down through history, including their subjugation in the synagogue and in the Church, is the result of a curse (Genesis 3:16). This curse was brought about by sin and is, therefore, to be overcome, since the subordination of women to men is a corruption of the original condition of man, who out of love was created male and female in the image of God (Genesis 1:27).

2. God the Father is also God the Mother (Isaiah 49:15; Psalm 27:10). Whereas a male priest is an image of God the Father, a female priest would be an image of God the Mother. Such an image is especially needed by men.

3. The biblical image of the perfect wife (Proverbs 31:10-31) is as much applicable to a female priest as "wife" of the Church as it is to a male priest as "husband" of the Church. Jesus himself once used a female image to describe his own mission as the Good Shepherd (Luke 13:34). The Pauline image of Jesus as "husband" and the Church as "wife" is as culturally conditioned as is his acceptance of slavery and, therefore, is not to be taken literally.

4. Jesus chose only men as members of the Twelve, but then he also restricted them to seek the lost sheep of the House of Israel. The apostolate to the Gentiles came years later. The realization that slavery is evil and that racism is a sin also came centuries later. Jesus allowed women to be part of his inner circle as much as possible in his cultural milieu (Luke 8:1-3). It is hard to believe that Jesus, in this day and age, would have excluded women from the Twelve.

5. For centuries, the whole Jewish family had participated in the preparation and sharing of the Passover Meal (Exodus 12:3-5). We know that women disciples followed Jesus to Jerusalem (Luke 23:27, 49, 55). It is hard to imagine that they were not present at the Last Supper, serving as usual (Mark 1:31; John 12:2). It is difficult to believe that Jesus, in this day and age, would have excluded them from sharing in the Last Supper.

6. It is written that the Word became man, not male. In the poverty of his human condition, he had to be either male or female. In his day, he had to be male so that he could at least speak in the synagogue. Today, he could have been born either a boy or a girl. The risen Lord is a man, not a male (Mark 12:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:40).

7. The Lord said that we would have to grow in the truth with the help of the Holy Spirit (John 16:12-13). Jesus came to deliver us from the slavery to sin and lead us to fullness of life (John 3:16-17; 10:10). Such fullness includes a wholesome integration of the masculinity and femininity in each human person, as the Holy Father has pointed out in his recent teaching on the language of the body. Is this not a challenge to dig deeper into the truth of Galatians 3:27-28? The curse of sexism must be overcome.

SCRIPTURE IS the norm of norms *(norma normandis)*. Tradition is also a norm, but *norma normanda*. Tradition must conform to Scripture. If our understanding of Scripture grows, then Tradition must grow.

Each generation of Christians is called to enrich Tradition with their own experience of the Gospel. It is, of course, the responsibility of bishops to hold on to what is good without suppressing what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Gutierrez writes from Gaitherburg, Maryland.

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Pope will receive great reception on his upcoming trip to India

By John Thavis

ROME (NC) — Pope John Paul II will visit India Feb. 1-10, where a Catholic minority is finding new ways to bring its message to the poor and the Hindu majority.

India's 12.5 million Catholics are less than 2 percent of the country's estimated 745 million population, but the Church's presence — especially in tribal areas — is increasing through programs that stress prayer and social action.

INDIAN LEADERS have been sensitive to, and sometimes critical of, Christian evangelization. As their guest, the pope is expected to emphasize the common spiritual values that unite the country's 25 million Christians with its 600 million Hindus and 80 million Moslems.

In a visit Feb. 1 to the funeral monument of Indian independence leader and Hindu philosopher Mahatma Gandhi, the pope plans to read a message of peace and religious harmony, Vatican sources said. On Feb. 8, he will speak at a meeting with non-Christian leaders in Madras.

However, the pope also is expected to carry a specifically Christian message when he visits 14 cities — all places where the Catholic Church has become firmly established.

THE STOPS include the southern state of Kerala, the most strongly Catholic region, where tradition says Saint Thomas the Apostle preached; Goa, where Portuguese missionaries landed in the 1500s; and Ranchi and Shillong, where "tribal" churches have grown in recent years.

It will be the Polish-born pope's first trip to India. Pope Paul VI was the first pope to visit India, traveling to a eucharistic congress in Bombay in 1964.

Although constitutionally a secular nation, India has a Hindu tradition that goes back about 4,000 years. It also has had periods of religious violence, most recently between Hindus and militant Sikhs in the northern Punjab state — a place not on the papal itinerary. Fighting between 1982 and 1984 left thousands dead and culminated in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by two Sikhs.

INDIAN AUTHORITIES have promised strict security for the trip. Some extremist Hindu leaders have sharply criticized the visit, saying it would "accelerate" conversions among tribal peoples and members of the lower Indian classes. Protests against the trip could include demonstrations along the way.

In India, Catholic evangelization has stressed "presence" over "preaching," according to several church sources interviewed in Rome. It has been marked increasingly by two movements, they said: social action among the poor and inculturation — an effort to translate Christianity into traditional Indian languages, prayer forms, and ceremonies.

The trend is away from simple charity and toward greater social education, particularly among the country's 17,000 missionary stations, they said.

JESUIT MISSIONARIES, for example, have set up regional theology centers in local languages and village programs for adult education and literacy. About two-thirds of Indians are illiterate.

Several Jesuit-run high schools have switched from English to native languages. According to Father Henry Volken, a Swiss Jesuit who has worked in India for 36 years, this change has upset some wealthier Indian parents who want their children to learn English so they can "get ahead."

Near Bhopal in central India, Father Volken worked three years to organize resistance to bonded labor, an illegal but still common practice in India that has kept some families indebted for generations. Other Jesuits and Religious have organized on behalf of poor fishermen in southern India, whose livelihood is threatened by increasing mechanization.

IN ADDITION to social awareness, some believe the Church in India needs to further emphasize individual spiritual development.

"Our fundamental commitment is to have more prayer among the poor," said Franciscan Father Gualberto Gismondi, who is in charge of missions for his order. "If you underline the social problems too much, Indians will admire you, but do not accept you as a religious person."

U.S. Father Joseph Connolly, vice general of the Divine Word missionary order, agreed. "A big complaint Hindus have is that, while they see the social work of the Church as good, they really don't see that the Church produces men of sanctity," he said.

THROUGH INCULTURATION, the Church has emphasized Christian prayer, blending it with India's traditions of meditation and asceticism, churchmen said.

This has helped the Church shed its "foreigner" image, said Archbishop Simon Pimenta of Bombay, president of the Indian bishops' conference.

"We are a Church in transition, toward adopting local cultural values and toward the 'Indianization' of the Church. It's a long and painful process," he said.

INDIAN LITURGIES have adopted local languages, complex traditional dances, burning of incense, and the priest's wearing of the traditional Hindu saffron shawl.

Much of the inculturation is happening outside the churches, in smaller houses of prayer known as *ashrams*. In Hindu tradition, an *ashram* is where a resident guru meets with disciples. Catholic *ashrams* are open to all faiths, and the main activity is shared prayer and meditation.

In several states, "anti-conversion" laws prohibit the Church from active evangelizing. To protect themselves, priests sometimes ask converts to sign a statement saying they have adopted the faith under no coercion.



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SPIRITUAL LEADER — An Indian boy stops to look at a statue of the late Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. Pope John Paul II, on his Jan. 31-Feb. 10 visit to India, will visit New Delhi and pay tribute to the late spiritual leader.

THE CONVERSION issue is still a sore spot in church-state relations, the sources said, but the general situation has improved under Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who succeeded his mother as head of government. The pope is expected to meet with the prime minister and other officials Feb. 1.

The Church and Indian government have battled over birth control, sterilization, and abortion in recent years. Faced with a population that has more than doubled in the last 35 years, the government still promotes birth control and allows abortion, but the forced sterilizations of the late 1970s have disappeared, church sources said.

One positive result of the sterilization campaign was that the Church developed a strong natural family planning program in response.

THE VARIETY in the Indian church will be in evidence during the trip. Three rites have developed in Kerala, where the pope will make four stops. The oldest rite is the Syro-Malabar (Chaldean) church.

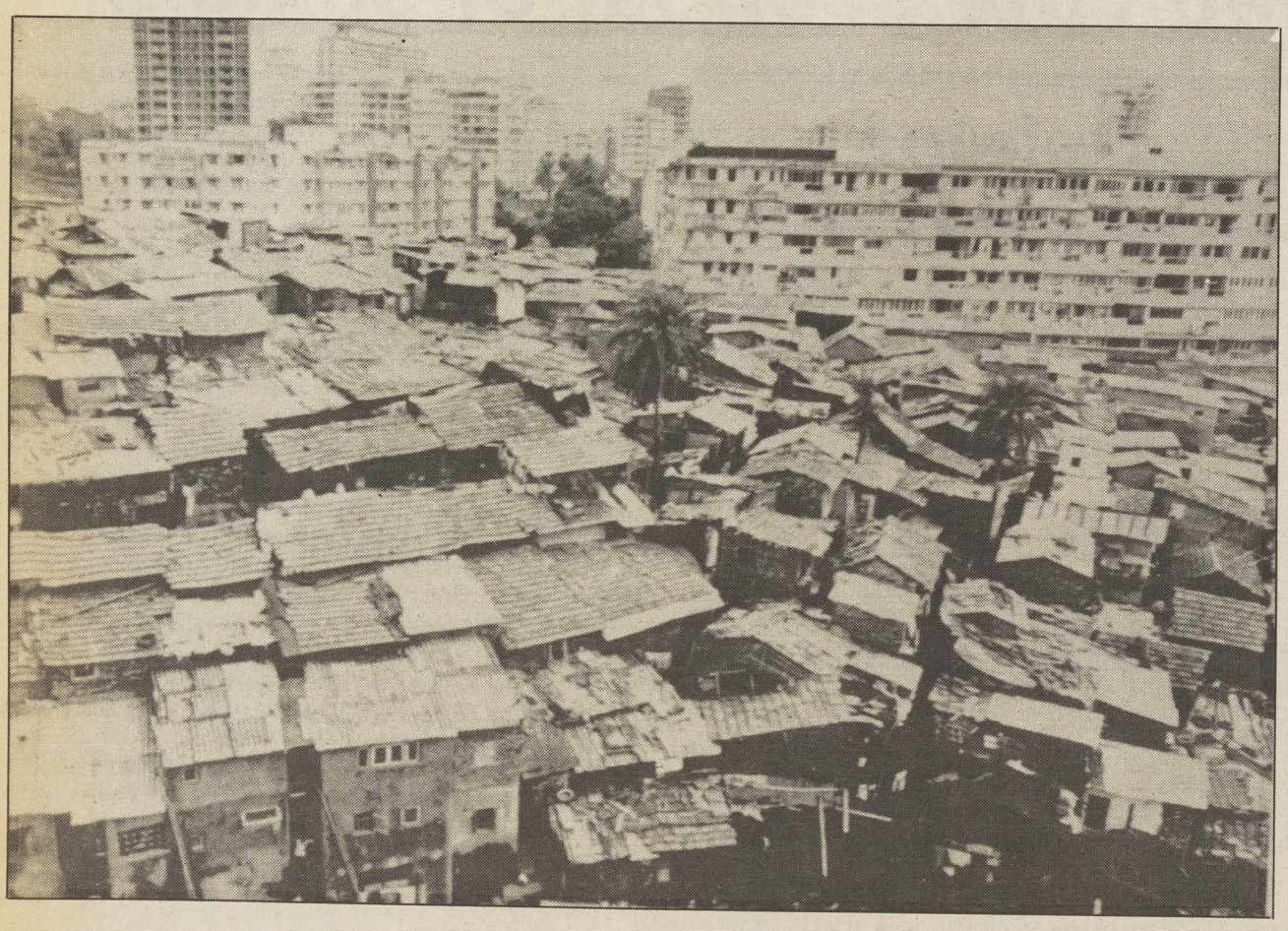
In one of the central liturgical events of the trip, the pope will beatify a Malabarese nun and priest during a Mass at Kottayam Feb. 8. Kerala Catholics are preparing for the visit by fasting and other exercises of self-denial, church officials said.

Meanwhile, in the northern Assam state where Catholicism is less than 100 years old, the church is preparing for the pope's visit to Shillong, a resort center in the region's tribal hills. Local Catholics plan cultural dances and songs as part of their welcome for the pope, whom they have described in leaflets as having "a warm heart of friendliness."

ANOTHER MAJOR encounter is expected to be the meeting with young people in Bombay. The youths are trying to arrange an open question-and-answer session so they can get to know the pope.

Those interviewed said the pope's personal charisma and spirituality will be a key to his welcome by the entire nation.

"Indians have a great respect for the holy man, so I think this pope will get a great reception there," Father Connolly said.



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EDGED BY POVERTY — Modern high-rise buildings stand in contrast with slum dwellings in Bombay, India's trade and commerce center. Bombay will be the last stop on Pope John Paul's 10-day tour of India.

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SHARE to help needy in Mexico

ALCALA PARK — SHARE/Mexico will supply food to the Mexican state of Chihuahua through the Food for Peace program, a U.S. government program that provides food to people in foreign countries.

An agreement to provide the assistance was signed in Bishop Leo T. Maher's office Jan. 23. Archbishop Adalberto Almeida y Merino of Chihuahua was on hand to witness the signing of the accord that will provide food to the needy in his archdiocese.

ARCHBISHOP ALMEIDA is grateful for the assistance to be received from SHARE/Mexico. He estimates that about 40 percent of Chihuahua's 1.2 million people need the food assistance.

The program provides a means for families in his archdiocese to advance, the archbishop said, adding that, like the SHARE program in the Diocese of San Diego, Chihuahua participants will have to perform two hours of community service to receive food assistance.

Last year, SHARE/Mexico experienced a 400 percent increase, according to Elisa Sabatini, program coordinator. In 1984, 955,000 pounds of food were distributed in Mexico. In 1985, more than 3,921,000 pounds of food were given out. Among Mexican cities with SHARE/Mexico programs are Tijuana, Mexicali, Tecate, and Ensenada.

SHARE'S INTERNATIONAL program was not the only one that grew last year. The Self-Help and Resource Exchange distributed over 9,000,000 pounds of food in 1985 to more than 150,000 families in San Diego and Imperial Counties. The program grew 20 percent from 1984 to 1985.

SHARE also has programs in five other U.S. cities: Chicago, Milwaukee, New York, Newark, and Christianburg, Va. Cities planning to begin SHARE programs include St. Paul, St. Louis, Dallas, Philadelphia, and Joliet, Ill.

Created in 1983, SHARE is a diocesan self-help program. For $12 and two hours of community service, participants receive $40-$50 worth of food each month.



photo by Veronica Garcia

AGREEMENT SIGNED — Archbishop Adalberto Almeida y Merino of Chihuahua, Mexico, looks on as Bishop Leo T. Maher signs a document Jan. 23 that will provide food to Chihuahua from SHARE's international program.

Black history month opens with revival

By Veronica Garcia

SAN DIEGO — The fifth annual revival is scheduled for Feb. 3-7 at Christ the King Church. The gatherings, sponsored by the diocesan Commission for Black Catholics, will begin at 7 p.m. each evening and will kick-off Black history month.

Salvatorian Father Bruce Greening will be the revival speaker. Father Greening is pastor of St. Benedict Church in Columbus, Ga.

DEACON MARVIN Threatt, chairman of the Black Catholic commission, said the revival will feature a number of Gospel choirs, including the Diocesan Gospel Choir, St. Rita's, Christ the King's, and a guest choir from Los Angeles.

Roger Holliman will be the event's guest liturgist. In charge of the revival's music, Holliman will work to increase the congregation's participation, Threatt said.

Threatt explained that the revival's "purpose is to strengthen the spiritual life within the Church and to preach the Gospel." It is also a means of evangelization, a way to reach out to the unchurched or those who have fallen away from the Church, he said.

A DIOCESAN event, Threatt said people of all cultures can benefit by taking part in the revival, which will combine Black cultural traditions with Catholic traditions. "Good Gospel preaching is part of the Black tradition," he said.

Pope Paul VI once told Blacks to 'enrich the Church with your Blackness,' Threatt said. "The spirit of joy of Blacks can be implemented into the liturgy. If the Church is universal, and all are a part of it, you're a part of it even if you bring your own culture into it. You can contribute from your own cultural background," he said.

"Worship God in the way you know best," Threatt said. Including one's cultural traditions in the liturgy, renews the spiritual life of the Church, he added.

Stewardship

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Stewardship of time has its source in the Redemption, which was achieved in time. "The Son was made head steward of the house of God, the earth," Father Novak continued.

Stewardship of talent flows from the Holy Spirit's activity of sanctification, he said. "Graces and charisms are given by the Spirit to empower the faithful to become holy and to build the kingdom."

FATHER NOVAK said that Total Stewardship can build community in a parish by serving as a canopy under which all ministries operate.

He described TSP's five phases: leadership training, selection and formation of key personnel to implement the program, enlisting people's time and talent for parish ministries, home visitation and evangelization, and stewardship of treasure.

Msgr. William Kraft, diocesan Stewardship director, congratulated the clergy for last year's successful campaign, which fell short of its $1,673,000 goal by less than 2 percent.

THE GOAL of Stewardship '86 was increased to $2,244,500 to provide additional funds for the development of new parishes in the diocese, he said.

However, other Stewardship subsidies to various diocesan ministries are the same as last year's.

In 1985, the educational ministry was allocated $555,700 for use in high school tuition aid, religious education, youth and campus ministries, evangelization and adult education, liturgy and prayer, and Indian catechesis.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Services' $300,000 Stewardship subsidy was channeled to the agency's departments, including family and Hispanic ministries; emergency services; and programs for the disabled, aging, and single pregnant women.

Formation and assistance programs for priests received $207,000 from 1985 Stewardship funds. This amount subsidized the Vocations Office, St. Francis Seminary, priests' retirement, students in theology, and clergy higher studies.

The dioceses of Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, each received $25,000 from last year's Stewardship donations.

STEWARDSHIP FUNDS cover only a portion of the annual budget for the above-mentioned diocesan services, Msgr. Kraft said. The balance comes from the diocese's general fund.

Each parish is assigned a quota for the campaign. All funds collected in excess of that amount are returned to the parish, he added.

Bishop Maher, Father Novak, and Msgr. Kraft also held Stewardship conferences for clergy at St. Francis Church in Vista Jan.21 and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Calexico Jan 22.

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"GOD NEVER intended sin to be beautiful or convenient," he countered. "People who break the law (of God) should not be the authority" on this issue.

"Our standard is God. The one who gives life is the one who takes it away," he said, decrying the majority-rule standard for morality in the United States.

Rev. Thill challenged the demonstrators not only to carry signs and march, but also to "deal with the depraved mentality that justifies abortion. In choosing life, God will give us everything necessary to carry it on," he said.

IN CONCLUDING ceremonies, Father Burt Boudoin, associate pastor at Our Mother of Confidence Church, prayed for those "who support pro-life legislation and hold to the sacredness of human life."

Glenn Erath of Our Lady of Grace parish sang "Unborn Child," and bugler Eugene Cianflone led the singing of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah" and "America the Beautiful." A sign "For the Unborn" was attached to his processional trumpet. A parishioner of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Cianflone said he has participated in five recent pro-life marches in Washington, D.C.

Other Catholic clergy present at the rally included Father James Cribbin, associate pastor of Santa Sophia Church, and Father William Springer, associate pastor of St. Martin of Tours Church.

ABOUT 30 signs and banners carried by the quiet demonstrators voiced their message. One banner displayed a row of family photos with the words "Thanks for my 14 kids and 14 grandkids;" another was a three-foot-high wooden cross with a poster that read "Pray to end abortion."

Some tots milling through the throng wore signs. One advertised herself as "Endangered Species." Another sign on a three-year-old girl's back read "I love my baby sister."

Clinic demonstrations

The crowd dispersed from Balboa Park to picket at several abortionists' offices. These included: Womancare, Planned Parenthood, Rees Stealy Medical Group, Dr. William H. Quillin, and Dr. Phillip Rand.

"Dr. Rand is one of the city's biggest abortionists," said Joan Patton, president of the Right to Life Council of San Diego County. She said that Rand performs abortions six days a week at five offices.

SEVEN DEMONSTRATORS were placed under citizens' arrest in front of Womancare. According to Patton, they were forced to accept copies of a temporary restraining order stating that "picketers cannot come closer to Womancare than across the street." The order was issued against pastor Dorman Owens and members of his Santee Bible Missionary Fellowship, she added.

Bauer, Cianflone, and other demonstrators joined a group gathered in front of Dr. Edward Allred's office at Alvarado Medical Center.

Over 40 participants eventually arrived there to recite the 15 mysteries of the rosary as they walked behind a Shield of Roses banner.

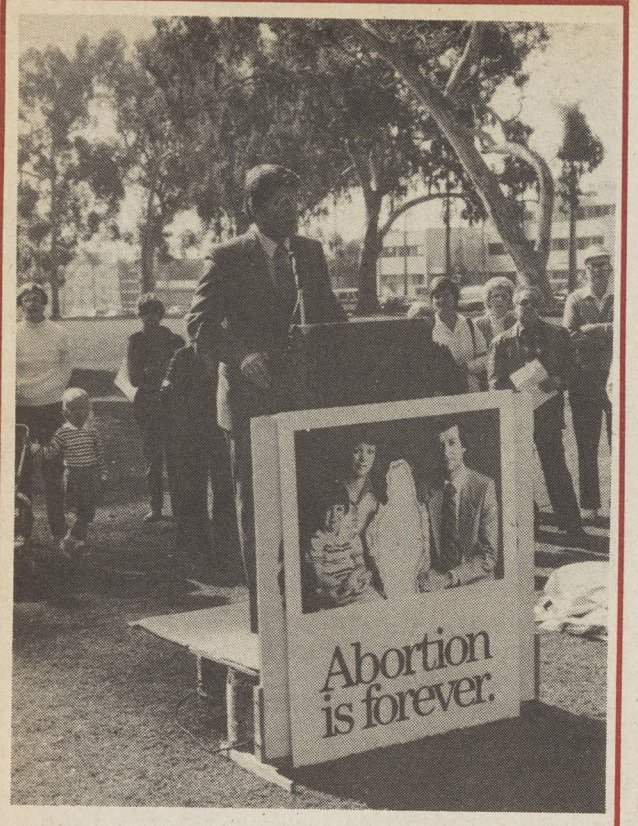


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MOURNING TIME — Joe Bauer, moderator of the Jan. 22 pro-life rally at Balboa Park, called the 13th anniversary of the Supreme Court's ruling that legalized abortion a time to mourn, not to celebrate.



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ROSARY RALLY — Picketers prayed the rosary as they walked around the boulevard in front of Alvarado Medical Center where Dr. Edward Allred performs abortions.



ONWARD — Demonstrators lead the march from Balboa P where they continued to picket.

Local pro-life

DAVID SPORLEDER of St. John the Evangelist parish pushed his baby in a stroller, following his wife, Rosemary, who is expecting their second child in May.

Donna Malley of Ascension parish walked with her mother and four-year-old daughter, Theresa, who wore a long, multicolored wooden rosary around her neck.

"So many childless people are waiting to adopt," said Linda Wilson of Good Shepherd parish, the mother of two adopted children. "We respect their birth mothers for giving them the gift of life."

THE ALVARADO center is a familiar site to pro-lifers. Concerned Citizens for Human Life (CCHL) hold a rosary rally there the first Saturday of each month, and Knights of Columbus do so on the second Saturday, said Anne Fitch, CCHL president.

During the rallies, she and Rosemary Sporleder provide pregnancy testing and counseling in a mobile unit parked on the premises.

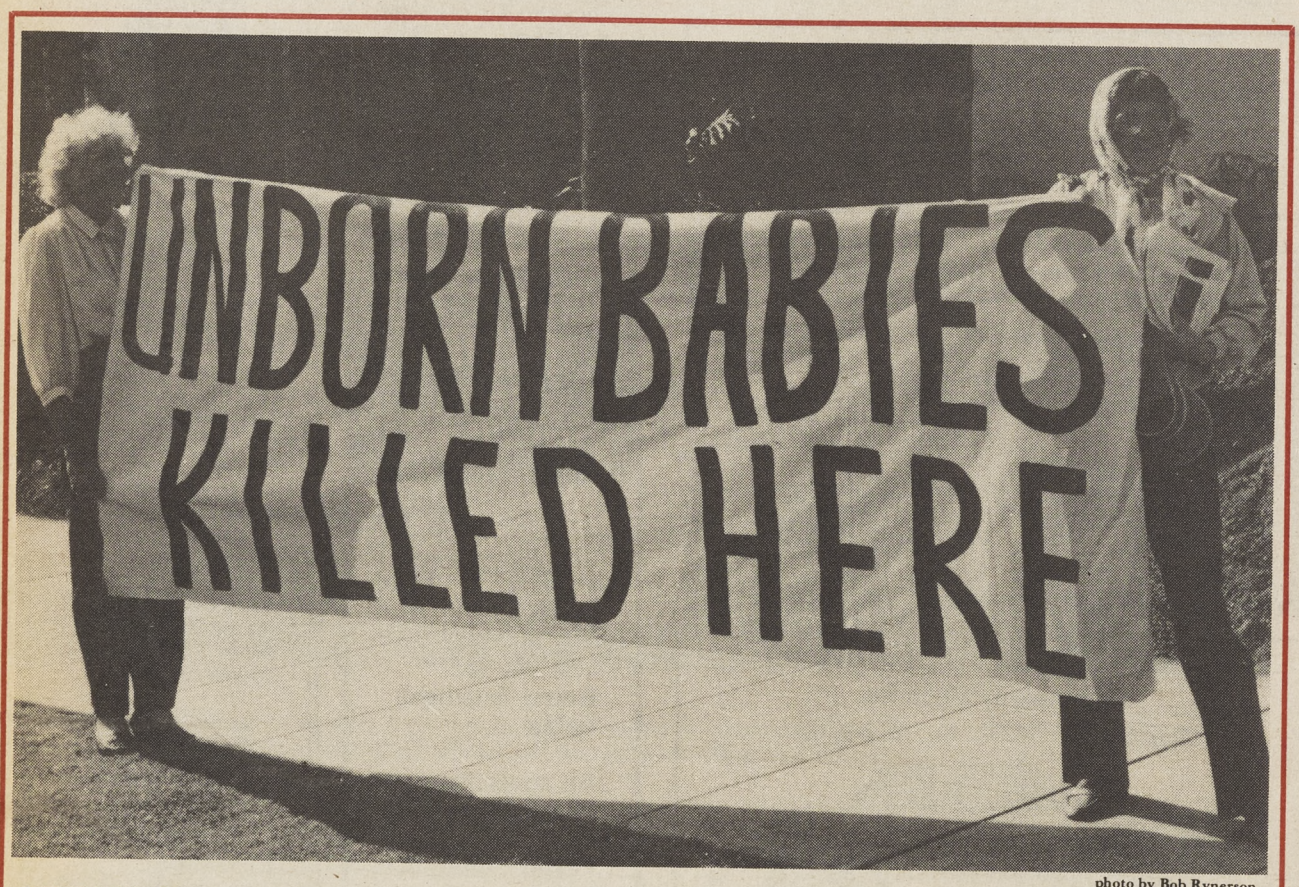


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INDICTMENT — Pro-lifers protest the abortions performed at Womancare where they walked from Balboa Park. About 100 people lined both sides of Sixth Avenue in front of the facility.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES — Provocative slogans dominated the scenery at Speakers' Corner in Balboa Park where their effort



photo by Bob Rynerson

rch from Balboa Park to abortion sites throughout the city

o-life rallies

Those who test positive are encouraged to "respect fertility," Fitch said. If married, they are invited to classes on Natural Family Planning conducted at the Fitch Fertility Center near Alvarado Hospital, she added.

North County

About 70 people from a number of churches surrounding the North County community of San Marcos turned out Jan. 22 to picket the office of a doctor who performs abortions.

Members of the congregations of Mission Evangelical Free Church in Vista, St. Francis parish in Vista, San Marcos Community Free Church, and Palomar Church processed from noon to 5 p.m. on the sidewalk outside the Rancho Santa Fe Professional Building, where the office of Dr. George Y. Kung, an OB/GYN, is located.

THE DEMONSTRATORS carried signs bearing pro-life messages as they marched quietly in a circle. Mindy Willis, one of the picket's organizers, noted that the signs were sympathetic.

"The signs don't say 'murderer,' " said Willis, who provided signs for those demonstrators who had none. "This demonstration is to educate San Marcos about what's going on."

To inform those who were interested, Willis had literature showing the various stages of a fetus's development. She also displayed a sonogram x-ray taken when she was 11 weeks into her present pregnancy.

"THIS IS a baby," she said, adding that many abortions were performed near this stage of a fetus's development.

Willis said that members of her church, Mission Evangelical, have picketed Dr. Kung's office one Saturday a month for the past year. "After you've been picketing for a while, you can tell the girls who are going in (to Dr. Kung's office) for abortions," Willis explained. "They avoid looking at you . . . but they always come out crying."

Members of her church have tried to speak to Dr. Kung about abortion, Willis said, but he does not respond.

ANOTHER MISSION Evangelical Church member present, Mike Thomas, said he has also participated in his church's monthly pickets. He said demonstrators do not call women who enter Dr. Kung's office for abortions "murderers." Rather, we try "to show them love and compassion even after they come out."

Options are provided for women who decide not to have an abortion after they have talked with the demonstrators, Thomas said. They are informed of the government support that is available and, through an association of North County churches, are provided with housing, food, and medical needs.

"We stay with them. If we didn't help them all the way through, we would be hypocrites," Thomas added.

THOMAS SAID that assistance is also given to those women who choose to have abortions after listening to demonstrators. "Ten percent of women who have abortions can never have children," Thomas said, "so it's important after an abortion to counsel them."

About one-half mile down the street from Dr. Kung's office is San Marcos High School, Thomas noted. Last year, it was revealed that out of 119 pregnancies at the school, 110 resulted in abortions.

Maria Castaneda, present for a pro-life picket for the first time, said she decided to join the demonstration after organizers had spoken at her church, St. Francis in Vista.

"I DECIDED I had to do something about an ugly thing like abortion and the least I could do would be to demonstrate," said Castaneda, a leader of St. Francis' Spanish-speaking parishioners. She added that she will probably join in future pickets to help stop abortion.

Another demonstrator, Shelly Cunningham, said she has previously participated in pickets of Dr. Kung's office. Cunningham believes the demonstrations are making a difference. "A lot of people see us (as they are) driving by. We make people aware of the fact that there is an abortion clinic here. People will shout or honk their approval or disapproval as they drive by," Cunningham said.

Cunningham plans to take part in future pickets of the doctor's office. "As long as Dr. Kung is here, I need to come back," she said.

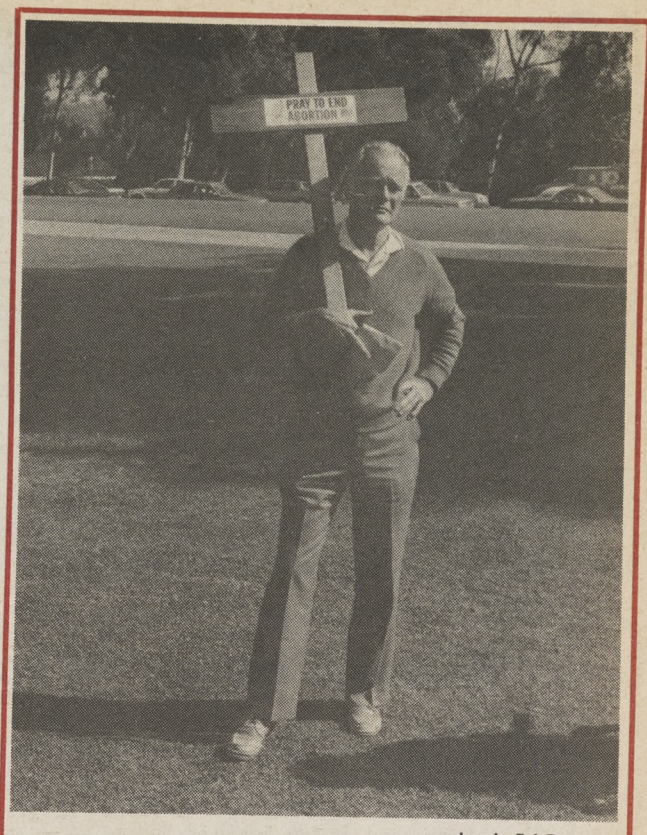


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SIGNED CROSS — One picketer carried a cross with a sign showing a widely used method that unites pro-lifers in their fight against abortion.

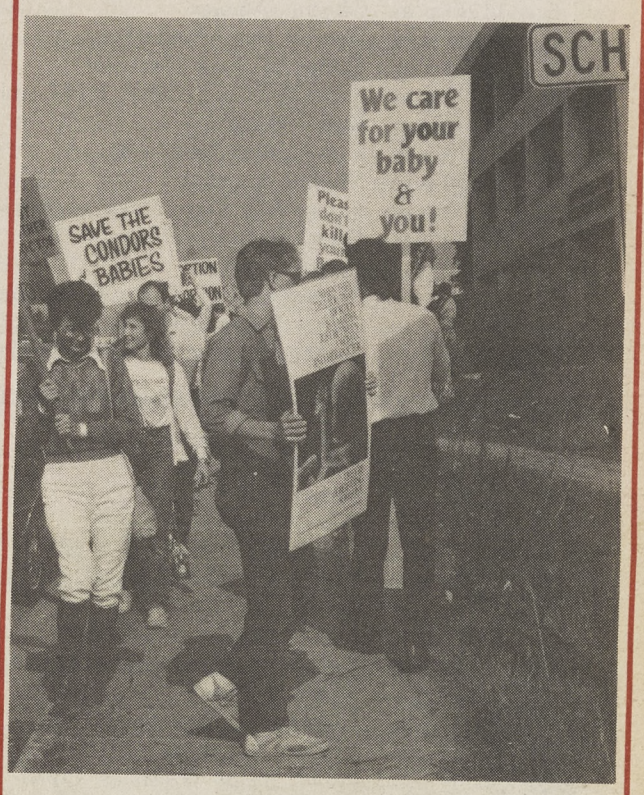


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NORTH COUNTY PICKET — About 70 people turned out Jan. 22 to picket the office of a San Marcos doctor who performs abortions. The doctor's office is located about one-half mile from San Marcos High School where, one of the demonstrators noted, it was revealed last year that out of 119 pregnancies, 110 ended in abortions.



photo by Bob Rynerson

ns Park where demonstrators were encouraged to continue oa their efforts on behalf of the unborn.

How to help on state legislation

Proposed anti-abortion legislation — California state Senate Bill 7 — has passed the State Senate. It requires a minor to have parental consent to have an abortion. The bill still has to go through the judiciary committee, then on to the assembly floor.

Letters to legislators in favor of this bill and for pro-life causes can be sent to the following:

Congress

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Sen. Alan Cranston, Rm. 112, Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Sen. Pete Wilson, Rm. 617, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

Representatives

41st District — Rep. Bill Lowery, Rm. 1440, Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

43rd District — Rep. Ron Packard, Rm. 316, Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

44th District — Rep. Jim Bates, Rm. 1632 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

45th District — Rep. Duncan Hunter, Rm. 117, Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

Legislature

Senators

38th District — Sen. William Craven, Rm. 3070.
39th District — Sen. Jim Ellis, Rm. 4053.
40th District — Sen. Wadie Deddeh, Rm. 3048.
Address for all: State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Assemblymen

74th District — Robert Frazee, Rm. 3141.
75th District — Sunny Mojonnier, Rm. 4015.
76th District — Bill Bradley, Rm. 5160.
77th District — Larry Stirling, Rm. 4001.
78th District — Lucy Killea, Rm. 5128.
79th District — Peter Chacon, Rm. 4112.
80th District — Steve Peace — Rm. 4121.
Address for all: State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Governor

George Deukmejian, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

'Sweeps month' means more miniseries

By Henry Herx

NEW YORK (NC) — A number of network specials are coming up in February because it's a "sweeps month," television jargon for a period in which the ratings are used to set the price stations charge advertisers for running their commercials.

To boost ratings during a sweeps month is the task of network programmers who rely upon high-priced entertainment specials, rather than regular fare, to attract viewer attention.

PART OF network sweeps strategy, however, is "counterprogramming," another bit of TV jargon referring to a network's attempt to spoil the ratings of a rival's blockbuster by putting on one of its own in the same time period. Whatever viewers may think of these frustrating rites of February television, the sweeps start Sunday, Feb. 2, with a classic confrontation between the three networks.

ABC, going for the broadest possible audience, has scheduled an evening of family entertainment, beginning with the premiere of a new series, "The Disney Sunday Movie," airing 7-9 p.m. Following this is the popular 1983 theatrical motion picture, "Mr. Mom," a family situation comedy airing 9-11 p.m.

NBC's Sunday fare offers the first of a four-part historical miniseries, "Peter the Great," airing 9-11 p.m. and continuing in that same time period Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Feb. 3, 4, and 5. Heading an all-star cast is Maximilian Schell as the czar who westernized Russia, where much of the production was filmed.

APPEALING NEITHER to family audiences nor intelligent viewers is the miniseries, "Sins," an overblown daytime soap opera airing Sunday, Feb. 2, 8-11 p.m. on CBS. This marathon of bathos continues Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 3 and 4, 9-11 p.m. both nights.

Based on the novel by Judith Gould, "Sins" is the old rags-to-riches story of a woman who, after much suffering, becomes a great success, in this instance, the head of an international publishing empire. Along the way, however, the woman in "Sins" (Joan Collins typecast again) has made enemies who are plotting her destruction.

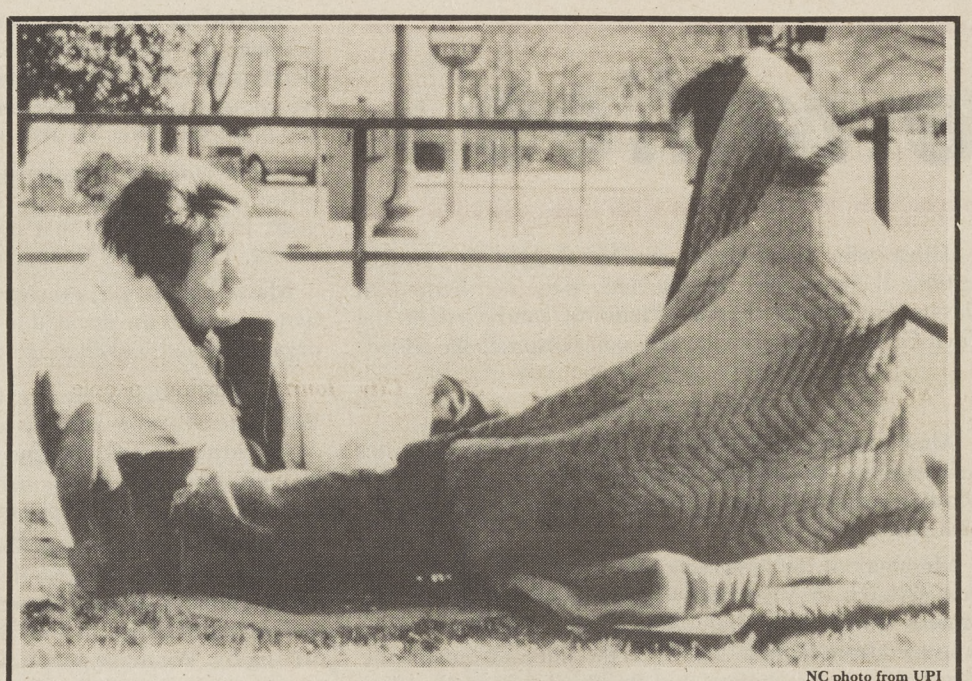
It is at this point that the first program begins, apparently in the belief that such terrible villains will garner enough viewer sympathy to put up with the disjointed flashbacks detailing the heroine's checkered past. It is an irredeemable miscalculation, unfortunately one of many.

THE HEROINE is a poor little French girl, more sinned against than sinning, at least in the first four hours — raped at 13 by a German soldier, tortured by the Gestapo, her American lover killed in Vietnam, mistress of a sadistic aristocrat in order to get the money needed to cure her catatonic brother, witness to the murder of her wealthy husband (poor Gene Kelly) by an impotent cad she had once scorned.

No need to go any further with this catalog of tabloid sensationalism. Obviously in the last three hours of the miniseries, mercifully unpreviewed, the beautiful heroine gets enough money, power, and status to avenge herself on all who had wronged her.

This is formula pulp romance, which thrives on bad taste and an underdeveloped sense of good and evil. However, its worst sin is that it is a tedious bore, compounded by Douglas Hickox's leaden direction and featuring such consistently inept acting that one is embarrassed for the professionals involved.

Doubtless CBS is correct in counting on a sizable audience for such melodramatic trash. This kind of adult escapist fantasy, however, can be dangerous for adolescent minds, and parents are well-advised to try some other channel.



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LEARNING THE ROLE — Activist Mitch Snyder, head of Washington's Community for Creative Non-Violence, and actor Martin Sheen, left, try out a steam grate in Washington prior to the filming of a movie on Snyder's life. Sheen will play the part of the advocate for the homeless in the television movie, "Samaritan: The Mitch Snyder Story."

Renewal center TV schedule

February schedule for "LET'S PRAISE JESUS" — KTTY Channel 69

Feb. 2	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Bob Mueller*
Feb. 3	11:00 p.m.	Ralph Martin
Feb. 3	11:30 p.m.	Father John Bertolucci
Feb. 4	11:00 p.m.	Mother Angelica
Feb. 5	11:00 p.m.	Deacon Carl Shelton and Sister Denise Walsh*
Feb. 5	11:30 p.m.	Father Bob McDougall
Feb. 6	11:00 p.m.	Charlie Osburn
Feb. 7	11:00 p.m.	Deacon Bob Mueller*
Feb. 7	11:30 p.m.	Father Michael Manning
Feb. 9	9:00 a.m.	Sister Pricilla LeMire, RJM, and Jim Hanibal*
Feb. 10	11:00 p.m.	Ralph Martin
Feb. 10	11:30 p.m.	Father John Bertolucci
Feb. 11	11:00 p.m.	Mother Angelica
Feb. 12	11:00 p.m.	Father Ray Elam and Roy Smales*
Feb. 12	11:30 p.m.	Father Bob MacDougall
Feb. 13	11:00 p.m.	Charlie Osburn
Feb. 14	11:00 p.m.	Sister Pricilla LeMire, RJM, and Jim Hanibal*
Feb. 14	11:30 p.m.	Father Michael Manning
Feb. 16	9:00 a.m.	Father Matthew Swizdor, OFM (Conv.), and Chuck Donovan*
Feb. 17	11:00 p.m.	Ralph Martin
Feb. 17	11:30 p.m.	Father John Bertolucci
Feb. 18	11:00 p.m.	Mother Angelica
Feb. 19	11:00 p.m.	Father Hal Tindal*
Feb. 19	11:30 p.m.	Father Bob MacDougall
Feb. 20	11:00 p.m.	Charlie Osburn
Feb. 21	11:00 p.m.	Father Matthew Swizdor, OFM (Conv.), and Chuck Donovan*
Feb. 21	11:30 p.m.	Father Michael Manning
Feb. 23	9:00 a.m.	Father Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA*
Feb. 24	11:00 p.m.	Ralph Martin
Feb. 24	11:30 p.m.	Father John Bertolucci
Feb. 25	11:00 p.m.	Mother Angelica
Feb. 26	11:00 p.m.	Father Ralph Weishaar, OFM, and Bernice Mascari*
Feb. 26	11:30 p.m.	Father Bob McDougall
Feb. 27	11:00 p.m.	Charlie Osburn
Feb. 28	11:00 p.m.	Father Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA*
Feb. 28	11:30 a.m.	Father Michael Manning

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Feb. 4	6:30 p.m.	Dr. Hank Kankowski and Carol Inacio*
Feb. 11	6:30 p.m.	Peggy Bailey* and Father Michael Manning
Feb. 18	6:30 p.m.	Pat Kankowski and Paulette Faulk
Feb. 25	6:30 p.m.	Deacon Carl Shelton and Van Holland

Airing on Saturdays on Cox Cable Channel 26 and Southwestern Channel 4:

Feb. 1	9:00 p.m.	Steve Faucher* and Charlie Osburn
Feb. 8	9:00 p.m.	Deacon Bob Mueller and Santos Messina*
Feb. 15	9:00 p.m.	Father Joe Carroll and John Stenbeck
Feb. 22	9:00 p.m.	Deacon Carl Shelton and Sister Denise Walsh

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American Coronado	13/A
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When is it time to separate

One of the most difficult things for anyone to do is to decide to separate from an unhappy marriage. Even when the situation is very painful, it is difficult to make the decision to leave. Pressure and advice from close friends, family, and the clergy can be both helpful and confusing. In the end, a person must make a decision with which he or she can live.

Considering a separation often generates painful emotions. One may feel guilty about leaving a spouse who is not abusive, hostile or disloyal. The deep disappointment that things haven't worked out may be viewed as a personal failure.

Talking with a professional, who is less emotionally involved than family or friends, can be helpful. Often such discussions lead to considerable inner growth and change, as one decides upon priorities, values, and direction in life. This decision often takes time and courage to make. You need to be especially kind and accepting of yourself at this time.

Dr. Diana M. Greg, Licensed Psychotherapist, Del Cerro Counseling, Psychology and Family Services, 7290 Navajo Rd., Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92119, 466-6463.

Bishop bestows papal honors on 49 persons in diocese

SAN DIEGO — Forty-nine persons in the Diocese of San Diego have received papal honors, Bishop Leo T. Maher announced Jan. 22.

Twenty-two men have been named to the Order of St. Gregory the Great and 27 women have been awarded the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*.

FOUNDED IN 1831 to reward civil and military service, the Order of St. Gregory is bestowed on men who distinguish themselves for conspicuous virtue and notable accomplishments on behalf of the Catholic Church and society. The order's decoration is an eight-pointed cross with a medallion bearing St. Gregory's image.

Named to the order were: William Robert Baer, Thomas Anthony Balistrieri, John Imrie Bixby, Reynaldo Bracamonte, Sidney Brooks, Carlos Amaya Cazares, Hernando Courtright, William Curran, Harvey Dault, Enemensio Falcon, Leonard Fry, Nathan Goldie, Edward Jungers, Cyril Francis Kellett, Henry Kelley, George Malone, Raymond Gerard O'Donnell, Francis C. O'Neil, Javier Romero, Walter Staight, Ray Shourds, and John Bruce Hill.

The *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (For the Church and the Pontiff) was instituted in 1888 by Pope Leo XIII. The medal, a Greek-shaped four-pointed cross, bears the images of St. Peter and St. Paul on one side and the name of Pope John Paul II on the other. It is awarded in recognition of service to the Catholic Church and the papacy.

Those awarded the papal medal are: Elidia Alarcon, Bernadette Mary Baer, Josephine Grace Balistrieri, Mary Searcy Bixby, Elena Bracamonte, Norinne Campbell, Mary Louise Cazares, Audrey Chung, Sister Mary Hope Couhig, Maria G. Falcon, Verden Fry, Mary Aloysia Grosse, Fran Harpst, Roslyn Jungers, JoAnne Eleanor Kellet, Delphine Malone, Juanita Meyer, Helen Oderbolz O'Donnell, Elizabeth O'Leary, Patricia Ann O'Neil, Mary Pugh, Margarita Romero, Anna Mary Staight, Mary Ellen Hill, Phyllis Terzich, Kathryn Watso, and Margaret Woodson.

To be eligible for the papal awards, an individual must be recommended to the bishop by his/her local pastor. In turn, the bishop petitions the Vatican.



photo by Veronica Garcia

CHURCH UNITERS — Dennis C. Hart (left), Bishop Leo T. Maher, Rev. Faith Conklin, and Msgr. Richard Duncanson, rector of St. Francis Seminary, paused for a photo before the start of the Christian Unity Awards presentation ceremony and luncheon at St. Francis Seminary Jan. 24. Hart, Conklin, and Father Douglas Regin are the 1986 recipients of the awards given by the diocesan Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

The award is given to those men and women who have worked for the restoration of Christian unity. Father Regin is executive director of Catholic Community Services. Rev. Faith Conklin is superintendent of the San Diego District of the United Methodist Church. Dennis Hart is regional director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Christian Unity Award is given in three categories: Catholic clergy, Catholic laity and Religious, and members of other Christian faith communities. The award is a framed certificate designed by Father Laurence McLaughlin, a former member of the diocesan ecumenical commission and the pastor of Queen of Angels in Alpine. At the lower right hand corner of the certificate is a large butterfly, superimposed on the sun, whose rays of light emanate to the four directions of the compass. The sun and the butterfly are ancient symbols of Christ.

The annual awards ceremony is conducted by the Diocese of San Diego in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

March for life

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THE ARRESTS took place during a protest organized by the Pro-Life Non-Violent Action Project. Organizers of the protest said it was held "to pray for justice for the unborn."

Across the country, thousands participated in scores of demonstrations to commemorate those aborted since 1973.

"If I was told the truth, I wouldn't have killed my son," said Lorijo Nerad, national president of Women Exploited by Abortion, at a Jan. 19 rally in Rockford, Ill.

THE ROCKFORD rally attracted about 1,000 people and was followed by picketing of a local abortion clinic.

In Columbia, S.C., good weather helped bring 900 people out for a march and rally at the steps of the state capitol. Catholic Bishop Ernest Unterkoefler of Charleston, leading the prayer for the largely Protestant crowd, declared that morality in America is determined by God, not by courts, legislatures, or movements.

The Wichita branch of Kansans for Life sponsored a 20-page pullout section Jan. 22 in the ***Wichita Eagle-Beacon*** — 11 pages of pro-life information and nine pages listing the names of more than 10,000 pro-lifers who sponsored the section.

OTHER PRO-LIFE actions involving newspapers also provided new twists.

In Denver, about 2,000 marchers Jan. 18 went from a rally at the state capitol to a demonstration in front of the Denver Post to protest the paper's news coverage and editorial position on abortion.

Five pro-life groups in the Sioux City, Iowa, area took out an ad Jan. 22 in the ***Sioux City Journal*** urging people to "choose the pro-life hospital" for their health care." Sioux City has two hospitals, non-denominational St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, which provides abortions, and Marian Health Center, a Catholic institution run by the Sisters of Mercy, which does not offer abortions.

IN A NUMBER of places, pro-life gatherings for the anniversary served as forums to announce new developments or as launching pads for new projects.

The Catholic bishops of New York state jointly launched a card-signing campaign at parish churches to express opposition to the state's policy of funding Medicaid abortions.

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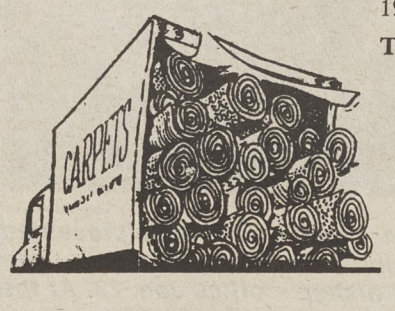
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Antidote for depression: give God a chance

Talks With Parents
by Dolores Curran

She was 33 and suffering from deep depression. She didn't know why. She had a supportive husband, normal children, and no major physical problems.

However, she hated waking in the morning and facing every day filled with questions like "What's the point of all this?" "Is this all there is to life?" and "Why go on?" She dragged herself through each day — unmotivated, empty, and deeply unhappy.

SHE SOUGHT medical advice and got Valium. It dulled her pain but didn't touch the source of it. She went to a mental health center weekly for months and talked. She began to understand depression and the roots of hers but she needed more.

"Finally," she said, "I decided to give God a chance. I always went to church and all that, but I never really knew God or his power. I didn't trust in him because I didn't know him."

She began some daily spiritual reading, set aside time for prayer and meditation, and joined a scripture course. In the course, she heard about spiritual directors for the first time.

SHE FOUND one, another laywoman like herself, but trained in spiritual direction. They met weekly and talked about her spiritual progress, blocks and sparks.

"God turned my life around," she said. "It's been three years since I've had a bout with depression. Even if I do have one now, I won't be fearful because I know God will be there to help me through it."

Her case is not rare. Depression of her type, commonly referred to as "housewife depression," is on the rise in our culture. Its causes are multiple and too complicated to go into here.

TREATMENT USUALLY involves medical and psychological advice. Many women are treated completely by therapy but others, like the woman above, need more. It is to these I speak and to those many others who live on the edge of depression. They don't perceive it as debilitating enough to get therapy but they know it's present and lurking in their lives.

Hundreds have been helped by giving God a chance. When they are able to turn themselves over to God and accept themselves as he created them, their depression lifts. They aren't carrying the burden alone.

Psychotherapist M. Scott Peck, author of ***The Road Less Travelled*** makes no distinction between mental and spiritual health. Like many of his colleagues, he believed that if the spiritual side is not treated, wholeness cannot be achieved.

THOSE IN depression need help and I've found that few are aware of spiritual directors. Spiritual direction is one of the oldest ministries, recently revived in our Church. Saint Teresa of Avila is one of our saints who stands out as a spiritual director.

She served as spiritual mentor to Saint John of the Cross and other clergy and bishops, which embroiled her in controversy because a woman was not considered an appropriate spiritual director to priests in her time.

Several seminaries and Catholic colleges now offer programs to train spiritual directors. These may be lay, clergy, Religious, or brothers. One sees a spiritual director as one sees a therapist — an hour a week for a fee, usually on a sliding scale.

CLIENT AND director discuss problems of life and faith together. The purpose is to develop a deeper relationship with God, and the director helps unblock barriers — spiritual and emotional — to this goal.

We don't know everything about depression, but we do know that people can be helped by getting their spiritual lives in order. If you are interested in more, call your chancery office of evangelization, seminary, convents, or the closest Catholic college for help in finding a spiritual director to meet your needs.

Pros, cons over morality of death penalty

Questions
by Father John Dietzen

QUESTION: I have been considering the pros and cons of capital punishment. In my moral reasoning I feel God might be for it.

We on earth must instill some fear. Death that way isn't the worst thing for someone who has killed another, for example, if he dies after repentance.

A hired assassin for the United States is supposedly a moral man. He justifies his killing because a terrorist might kill more people.

Yet I have heard that the bishops of our country are against capital punishment. Can you tell me why? (California)

ANSWER: First, let's separate capital punishment from the kind of self-defense hinted at in the second part of your question about assassins. Defense of oneself when one's life is immediately threatened by another is a different moral question from capital punishment, though some overlap is obviously possible.

The American bishops issued a major statement on capital punishment in 1980, arguing that the imposition of the death penalty is unjustified given the conditions of contemporary society in the United States. Their position has been repeated since then by numbers of groups of bishops, including the 26 bishops of your state as recently as last September.

SOME REASONS given by the bishops, which incidentally are echoed by a growing number of Catholic and other Christian theologians, deal with problems inherent in any policy imposing the death penalty:

1. The elimination of any possibility of reform or making compensation;
2. Possibility of a mistake in executing an innocent person;
3. The long and unavoidable delays that diminish the effectiveness of capital punishment as a deterrent and which can produce legal aimlessness;
4. The anguish, even dehumanization, execution brings to the criminal, his family and those who order, perform, and witness the execution;
5. The unhealthy publicity and violence in public discussion engendered by the executions;
6. "The not-unfounded belief that many convicted criminals are sentenced to death in an unfair and discriminatory manner: For example, more than 50 percent of those on death row are minorities, virtually all of them are poor."

THOSE ARE on the negative side. Other reasons deal with important values that would be promoted by the elimination of capital punishment:

1. It would send the message that the cycle of violence can be broken by not taking a life for a life, and that we can find more humane and hopeful ways to respond to violent crime.
2. It would show that we consider each person, even a criminal, as having unique worth and dignity, made in the likeness of God.
3. It would emphasize in another way our conviction that God is the Lord of life.
4. It would follow the example of Jesus who taught and practiced forgiveness of injustice and who came to give his life as a ransom for many.

(The above quote and reasons are from the 1980 statement and the California bishops' statement of September 1985.)

Obviously, the point argued by our bishops and others is that, whatever theoretical reasons might support the death penalty, realities of life in our country today place the morality of such penalties in serious doubt.

Questions for this column may be sent to Father Dietzen at Holy Trinity Parish, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

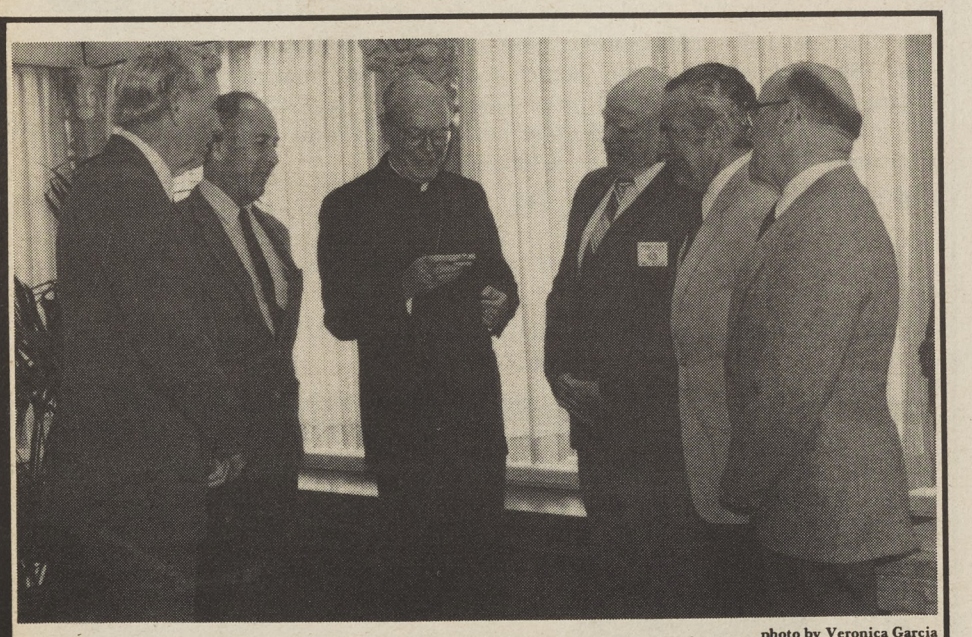


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PRESENTATION — Members of the San Diego Serra Club presented Bishop Leo T. Maher with a three-dimensional Serra bicentennial stamp commemorative piece at a meeting in the bishop's office Jan. 23. At the meeting, Serrans, a group that works toward increasing vocations, discussed the international convention to be held in San Diego in June 1987 and received the bishop's permission to study possible establishment of two more Serra clubs in the greater San Diego area. Serrans pictured are (from left): Bill Chartier, Marv Rickling, Walt Millar, Jim Carpenter, and Frank Zupan.

In Loving Memory

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these beloved ones who are gone before us into the realm of Thy eternal happiness and peace. Amen.

BAILEY, William B. Husband of Arlene Bailey; father of Robert A. Bailey, Ralph Bailey, Alfred Ashley; step-son of Ruth Kolter. Funeral Mass: January 21, 1986 at St. Therese Church.

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CARMODY, Fergus John Husband of Mary Fergus; father of Mary Randall, John, Rich, Joseph, Thomas and Fr. Michael Carmody; brother of Eileen Moses and Claire Draper; seven grandchildren. Funeral Mass: January 18, 1986 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

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DUTRA, Johnny Norman Husband of Nanci Dutra; father of Jamie and John Dutra, Jr.; brother of Elsie Carvalho, Evelyn Ferreira, Anthony and Ronnie Dutra. Funeral Mass: January 22, 1986 at St. Agnes Church.

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EADEH, Mudallale Wife of Salem Eadeh; mother of Joe, Fred and John Eadeh and Jeannette Bangs; five grandchildren. Funeral Mass: January 23, 1986 at St. Therese Church.

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On the Record

By Charlie Martin

Broken Wings

Baby don't understand
Why we can't just hold on
To each other's hands
This time might be the last
I fear
Unless I make it all too clear
I need you so whoa.

Take these broken wings
And learn to fly again
Learn to live so free
And when we hear the voices sing
The book of love will open up
And let us in
Take these broken wings.

Baby I think tonight
We can take what was wrong
And make it right
Baby it's all I know
That you're half of the flesh
And blood that makes me whole oh
I need you so.

So take these broken wings
And learn to fly again
Learn to live so free
And when we hear the voices sing
The book of love will open
Up and let us in.
(Repeat)

Recorded by Mr. Mister
Written by Richard Page, Steve George and John Lang
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Reaching the decision to break off with a boyfriend or girlfriend can be difficult. Yet, the step may be necessary if no alternatives for change or growth remain. I've discussed that in a previous column.

This week I want to present some ideas on how to heal a painful love relationship.

Mr. Mister's ***Broken Wings*** describes such a love. The two people in the song are not ready to give up on their love. They hope that "we can take what was wrong and make it right." They hope to "take these broken wings and learn to fly again."

Perhaps the most needed quality in healing a relationship is forgiveness. Such a quality helps each person rise above disappointment and anger so as to reclaim the relationship. Being willing to forgive helps us to learn from what went wrong in the past.

Honesty is also needed in overcoming pain. Both individuals must be able to state their feelings. Such an honest sharing enables each person to gain understanding of the other's point of view. This type of honesty requires respect, sensitivity, and the courage not to hide what we are really feeling.

Finally, couples need a balance between acceptance and challenge. Not every conflict can be completely resolved. Sometimes we need to accept the fact that the other person's actions are part of his or her basic personality. Changing these traits comes very slowly.

However, we can challenge each other to be sensitive to the effects of such traits. Love can be a powerful motivating force when it comes to gradually changing how one relates or acts.

These are just a few suggestions on how to heal love's "broken wings." What are your ideas on how to put back together a troubled relationship? I invite you to write to this column and share your insights on this important question. I will pass on your ideas to other readers in a future column.

Please send your comments to: Charlie Martin, 1218 S. Rotherwood Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47714.



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PRO-LIFE PUPILS — Sixth grade girls from Nazareth School kneel at Balboa Park as they display a banner made by Jenny Malley. Slogans on the banner say "Abortion is Murder."

Briefs: Grandparents day, 'Awakening'

SAN DIEGO — Our Lady of Peace Academy students will share some of their school experiences with their grandparents who are invited to attend the academy's first Grandparents Day Feb. 6.

After attending one of their granddaughters' classes, they will be served a luncheon, and will view a slide presentation of the school.

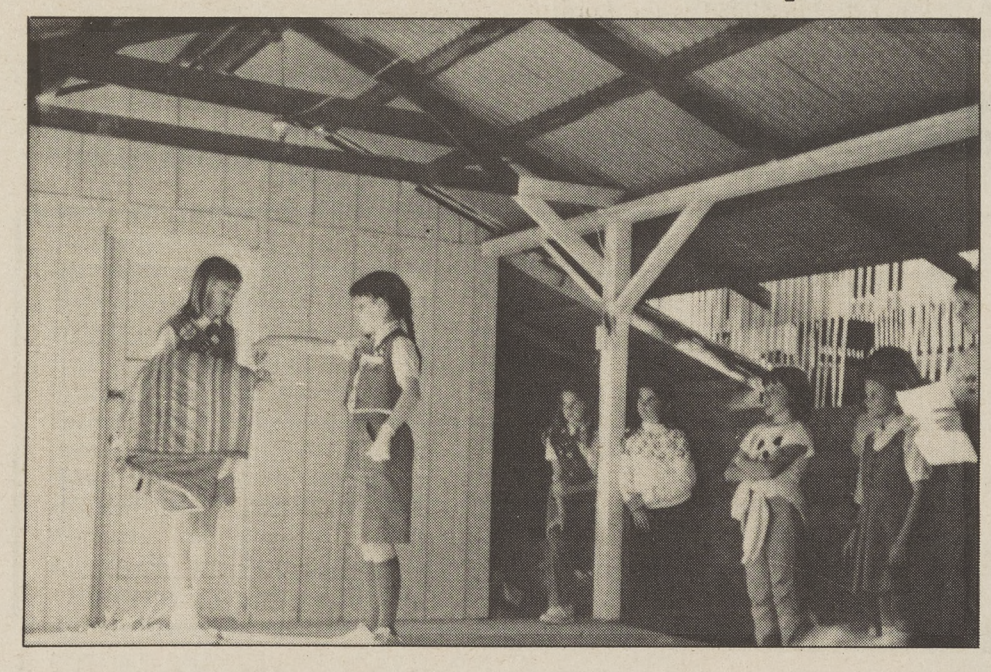
SAN DIEGO — Two "Christian Awakening" retreats will be conducted at La Quinta de Guadalupe, Imperial Beach, for youth ages 16 to 25.

The young men's weekend is slated for the weekend of Feb. 27 to March 2. The young women's weekend will be held March 6 to 9.

"Christian Awakening" aims to create an atmosphere in which participants can experience Christ through community.

For further information, call the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, 574-6303.

Scout retreat focuses on peace



OCEANSIDE — About 50 Catholic Junior Girl Scouts throughout San Diego County participated in a retreat at Ivey Ranch Park here Jan. 11.

"Peace" was the theme of the retreat sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting and Campfire.

THE GIRLS toured Mission San Luis Rey and dramatized the life of St. Francis of Assisi under the direction of Mark Sellars, a St. Francis seminarian. (See photo above.)

The scouts received a memento of the day — a patch showing a picture of St. Francis and the word "peace." The emblem was designed by Franciscan Sister Bonnie Pelloux, the committee's spiritual director.

Another retreat will be held March 8 for Catholic Brownie Girl Scouts at Florence Burnham Hall in Balboa Park.

For information, Call Vidal Garcia, 574-6303; Jan Jackoskie, 295-2971; or Nancy Conn, 729-3418.



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San Diego — Central

Tridentine Latin Mass, Sundays and holydays, 9 a.m., Holy Cross Chapel. Celebrant: Msgr. Tullio Andreatta. Confessions and rosary precede Mass.

PATRONS, a Catholic organization for separated, divorced and widowed, meets second and fourth Sundays, 6 p.m., St. Therese Church hall. Group offers activities, companionship and support. Details: 292-8945 or 449-7155.

Catholic Alumni Club, a diocesan-approved organization for single, college-educated Catholic men and women; group has social, religious, cultural, charitable and recreational activities. More: 295-7000 ext. 258.

Sounds of Ireland may be heard Sat. afternoons, 3:30 p.m., on KMJC-91 (A.M.). Hosted by Dan Sorahan. Details: 276-5974.

Single Again, Mission San Diego de Alcala, a support group for separated, divorced and widowed Catholics, meets every other Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., La Sala Auditorium, San Diego Mission. More: 280-9225.

Cursillo singles, a group for those who were never married, separated, divorced or widowed, meets Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m., Cathedral Club. Call: 579-0995.

First Saturday Lay Carmelite Mass and Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, 8:30 a.m., Feb. 1, St. Agnes parish, Point Loma. Meeting follows in parish conference room no. 2. Info: 222-0243.

St. Didacus "Hearts and Flowers" luncheon, card party and bingo, Feb. 1, noon, St. Didacus School hall. Donation: $3.50. Reservations: 282-8527 or 281-6965.

STALPAR Club, for widowed and never married Catholics over 35, to meet Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Church hall, Mission Hills. Dinner follows. New members are welcome. Details: 295-4524.

No, No, Nanette, at Lawrence Welk's, Feb. 4, a St. Patrick's Seniors trip. Cost: $28 (includes buffet and matinee). More: 282-7109.

Luncheon/card party, Feb. 8, noon, Holy Spirit parish hall. Donation: $4. Sponsored by CDA, Court of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit no. 2218. Reservations: 264-4794 or 264-2698.

"Fall Fling," a dance sponsored by the diocesan Singles Coordinating Council, Feb. 8, 8 p.m.-midnight, Royale Room, El Cortez Hotel. Featuring dancing, no host bar, and door prizes. Tickets: $5 in advance; $7 at the door. Call: 587-1700.

Card party and luncheon, Feb. 8, noon-4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Academy. Donation: $5, includes lunch. Sponsored by OLP alumnae. Reservations: 281-8479 or 286-9163.

Laughlin, Nevada, will be visited by St. Patrick's Seniors, Feb. 17-19. Cost: $84 twin. More: 282-7109.

San Diego — North

First Saturday Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, Feb. 1, 7:45 a.m., Church of St. Mary Magdalene. More: 276-3693.

RCIA study session for those thinking of beginning a parish catechumenate this spring, Feb. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., diocesan conference room, USD campus. Focus: "The Period of Enlightenment." Call: 574-6311.

"Journey of Faith," a BBC documentary about Jesuit Fr. Jim Carney who disappeared in Honduras in 1983, to be presented Feb. 6, 6 p.m., All Hallows parish, La Jolla. Donation: $5, to benefit the Oscar A. Romero Orphanage in El Salvador. More: 231-8906.

Las Vegas night to benefit Emmaus Today, Feb. 8, 6:30-10 p.m., Holy Family Church hall, Linda Vista. Prize drawing at 10:30 p.m. Donation: $10 (includes sandwich and salad). Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Call: 576-1051.

"The Spirit, Images and Symbols of the RCIA Lenten Liturgies," for pastors and RCIA team members, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-noon, St. Catherine Laboure parish, Clairemont. Speaker: Fr. Michael Smith, director of the Center for Liturgy and Prayer. More: 574-6311.

Lunch and card party, Feb. 11, St. Brgid parish hall, Pacific Beach. Proceeds benefit the vocation awareness program. Donation: $6. Sponsored by the La Jolla Deanery, Council of Catholic Women. Reservations: 272-1512 or 488-8223.

Monthly Mass for peace with justice in Northern Ireland, Feb. 15, 6 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Mira Mesa. Rosary at 5:45 p.m.

North County

Quarterly Communion of Stella Maris no. 183, Young Ladies Institute, Feb. 2, 9 a.m. Mass, St. Francis Church. Vista. Breakfast follows at home of Marilyn Prado. Reservations: 433-5373.

Parish breakfast, Feb. 16 after all Masses until noon, St. Mary parish center, Oceanside. Donation: $1. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Hosted by Stella Maris no. 183, Young Ladies Institute.

South Bay

Perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Church of the Most Precious Blood, Chula Vista. For sign up, call 422-2100 or 425-5578.

Ministers of the Eucharist training session, Feb. 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Church of the Most Precious Blood, Chula Vista. Fee: $10. Pastor's approval required to enroll. Info: 293-3375.

Bus trip to Laughlin, Nev., Feb. 9-11. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Assumption Council. Cost: $83. Proceeds benefit the Starlight Retarded Center for Adults in Chula Vista. Reservations: 423-4317 or 427-8522.

East County

Raddy Reilly, an Irish singer, to perform Feb. 2, 7 p.m., East County Performing Arts Center, 210 E. Main St., El Cajon. Tickets: $10. Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 2. Tickets available at Ticketron or call: 579-6505, 286-8170 or 454-6075.

S.S. L.I.F.E., Santa Sophia Ladies' Inspirational Friendship Experience, first meeting, Feb. 13, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Santa Sophia parish auditorium. Cost: $3.50 (for luncheon). Group will meet second Thursday of each month thereafter. Reservations: 442-7190 or 466-7593.

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"DCM — The Profession," a two-day workshop of interest to DCMs, Feb. 1 and 22, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Serra Hall, room 204. Instructors: Dr. Helen deLaurentis and Fr. Ronald Pachence. Co-sponsored by the Institute for Christian Ministries' non-degree program and practical theology program. Cost: $25 for pre-registration; $30 at the door; $20 for one day only. More: 260-4784.

Commission on the bicentennial of the United States Constitution, Feb. 3, 1 p.m., open session in Camino Theater. Limited seating. Call: 260-4600 ext. 4296.

Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variation, part of an ongoing celebration of Bach's 300th birthday, piano performance by Fr. Nicolas Reveles, Feb. 9, 4 p.m., Camino Theater. Cost: adults $5; students $2.50. Proceeds benefit USD's music program. More: 260-4600 ext. 4427.

An inquiry approach to the physical sciences, first of 11-part program for educators, Feb. 13, 7:30-9 p.m., Manchester Conference Center. Speaker: Marsha Ivins, NASA astronaut. Cost: $5 (purchase tickets in advance). Details: 260-4585.

"An Institute on the Virtues,", Feb. 13-15, Manchester Conference Center. Exponents of contemporary virtue theory to lead discussions, chair panels, conduct seminars, and engage in dialogue and debate. More: 260-4600 ext. 4704.

Counseling skills for Christian ministers, an introductory course in basic counseling skills for those in the helping ministries, Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Hahn School of Nursing, room 106. Instructor: Dorothy Marron, a clinical psychologist. Course offered by the Institute for Christian Ministries. Fee: $10 in advance ($15 at the door). Pre-registration deadline: Feb. 7. Info: 260-4784.

Gospel Passion Stories, a course by the Institute for Christian Ministries, Feb. 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, by Fr. J. Lindquist. Fee: $25 ($6 per session at the door.) Pre-registration deadline: Feb. 10. Call: 260-4784.

Imperial Valley

Imperial Valley Women's Awakening, Feb. 6-9. More: 357-0491.

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MARCHA PRO-VIDA — Dos feligreses de la parroquia de San Francisco en Vista, María Castañeda y Andrea Tarrango, estaban entre las 70 personas que marcharon el 22 de enero afuera de la oficina de un médico abortista en San Marcos. Castañeda dijo que estaba allí para manifestar su oposición al aborto.

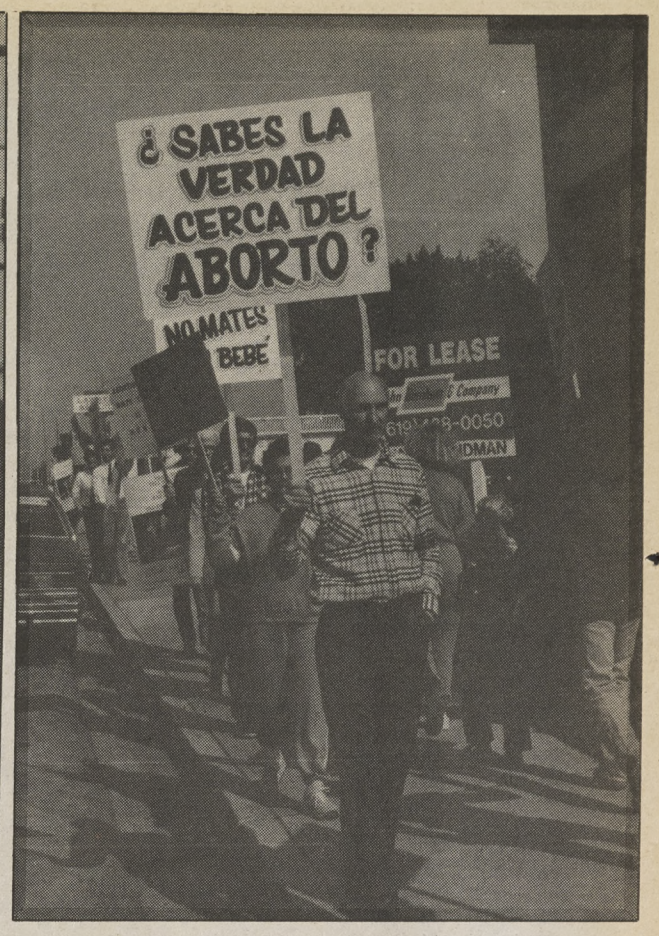


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PIQUETES EN SAN MARCOS — Un grupo de personas marcharon en protesta el 22 de enero, el decimo-tercer aniversario de la decisión de la Corte Suprema que legalizó el aborto, afuera de la oficina de un médico abortista. Los piquetes llevaban letreros para informar a los que pasaban de su posición pro-vida. Los demostradores presentes son miembros de varias iglesias en el condado del norte, incluso San Francisco en Vista. La protesta comenzó a mediodía y terminó a las 5 p.m.

Reagan trabajará para derrotar ley del aborto

WASHINGTON (NC) — El Presidente Reagan se comprometió con los participantes en la Marcha por la Vida, en Washington, el 22 de enero, que trabajará con ellos para "derrotar la trágica Roe vs. Wade," la decisión de la Corte Suprema de Justicia de 1973 que provoca la protesta anual en la capital de la nación.

"Nuevamente este año estoy orgullosamente junto a ustedes en esta larga Marcha por la Vida," dijo en un discurso directo desde la oficina oval. Al otro lado de los jardines de la Casa Blanca miles de manifestantes, que escuchaban al Presidente por altoparlantes en el Elipse, aplaudieron.

EL AÑO PASADO, en su primer discurso directo a los manifestantes, Reagan les dijo que estaba orgulloso de "estar con ustedes." En 1984, el Presidente saludó desde el balcón sur de la Casa Blanca.

Este año, Nellie J. Gray, Presidenta de la Marcha por la Vida, preguntó a Reagan, "¿Podemos trabajar con Ud.?" "Por supuesto," contestó.

Reagan se comprometió a trabajar con los manifestantes para asegurarles que los recursos del gobierno no sean usados para financiar abortos, y que, en su lugar, se preste ayuda a mujeres con embarazos problemáticos.

Cardenal de Nicaragua pide ayuda de O.N.U.

NACIONES UNIDAS (NC) — El Cardenal de Managua, Miguel Obando y Bravo, pidió al Secretario General de Naciones Unidas, Javier Perez de Cuellar, el 21 de enero, ayuda para enfrentar la "persecución" que la Iglesia está sufriendo de parte del Gobierno Sandinista.

En una reunión en la oficina del Secretario General, el Cardenal Obando y Bravo dijo que los obispos nicaragüenses quieren "un diálogo constructivo con el Gobierno de Nicaragua" y dijo que pensaba que Naciones Unidas podrían ayudar.

LA DECLARACION que leyó durante la reunión, consistió especialmente de citas de dos cartas enviadas por los obispos al Presidente de Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega.

En la carta de los obispos a Ortega, del 6 de diciembre, cita el deseo de resolver los problemas a través del "diálogo." Pero la carta hace notar que "en tres oportunidades diferentes nos hemos dirigido a Ud., por escrito, sin haber recibido siquiera una nota afirmando la llegada de nuestros pedidos."

"Existe un gran consenso," dice la carta "de la feligresía en el país y la ciudad . . .que toda la nación está preocupada, incluso al punto de pensar, en muchos casos, que estamos en un estado de persecución."

ENTRE LOS "ataques contra la iglesia católica" que alega la carta, están las amenazas en contra de los sacerdotes extranjeros que dice el Gobierno "intervienen en política," el interrogatorio de sacerdotes nicaragüenses por el Directorio Nacional para la Seguridad del Estado y Procedimiento Policial; presiones que incluyen el arresto para hacer que los laicos "colaboren como informantes" en contra de la Iglesia; "persecución en contra de las instituciones de la Iglesia" forzando a los católicos a que "firmen documentos que contienen falsedades y calumnias en contra del honor de eclesiásticos" y una "cruel censura."

Reduzcan los gastos militares para ayudar a los pobres

WASHINGTON (NC) — El Gobierno de los Estados Unidos debería reducir sus gastos militares como un paso para satisfacer las necesidades sociales de los pobres, dijo el Arzobispo de Milwaukee, Rembert Weakland, en un simposio para congresistas el 16 de enero.

El Arzobispo Weakland, Presidente del Comité Episcopal que está redactando el borrador de la Carta Pastoral sobre la Economía americana, era uno de los panelistas en la sesión de la tarde, del simposio de dos días, "La Economía Americana en Transición." El simposio estuvo auspiciado por el Comité Económico Conjunto del Congreso, para conmemorar el 40 aniversario de su fundación por la Ley Laboral de 1946.

"ESTOY CONVENCIDO de que los obispos están seguros que cortes en los gastos militares podrían ser la diferencia necesaria para satisfacer todas las necesidades (de los pobres) de las que estamos preocupados," dijo en respuesta a una pregunta de la audiencia sobre si más gastos sociales o militares afectarían la economía.

En respuesta a otra pregunta, dijo que estaba convencido de que los Estados Unidos "pueden reducir sus gastos militares y seguir manteniéndose dentro de los límites de seguridad." Si aún se necesitaran más fondos públicos para satisfacer las necesidades humanas, el gobierno debería "aumentar los impuestos para cubrir los costos," dijo.

El Papa avisa de 'desviaciones' de algunas teologías de liberación

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC) — El Papa Juan Pablo II previno a un grupo de obispos brasileños, el 17 de enero, que algunas teologías de la liberación contienen "graves desviaciones" que son incompatibles con la fe.

En su trabajo por los pobres, la Iglesia no puede reducirse a un mero rol "socio-político," dijo el Papa. Su compromiso especial con los pobres es llevarles el "mensaje de la total liberación: el mensaje de la salvación," agregó.

REFIRIENDOSE A los sacerdotes brasileños, el Papa dijo que ellos deberían entender que se espera que trabajen por su gente, pero "en materias concernientes a Dios."

El Papa habló a los obispos del sur del Brasil durante su visita "ad limina" al Vaticano. Las visitas "ad limina" son realizadas cada cinco años por quienes presiden un diócesis. Varios grupos de obispos brasileños ya se han reunido con el Papa en los últimos meses.

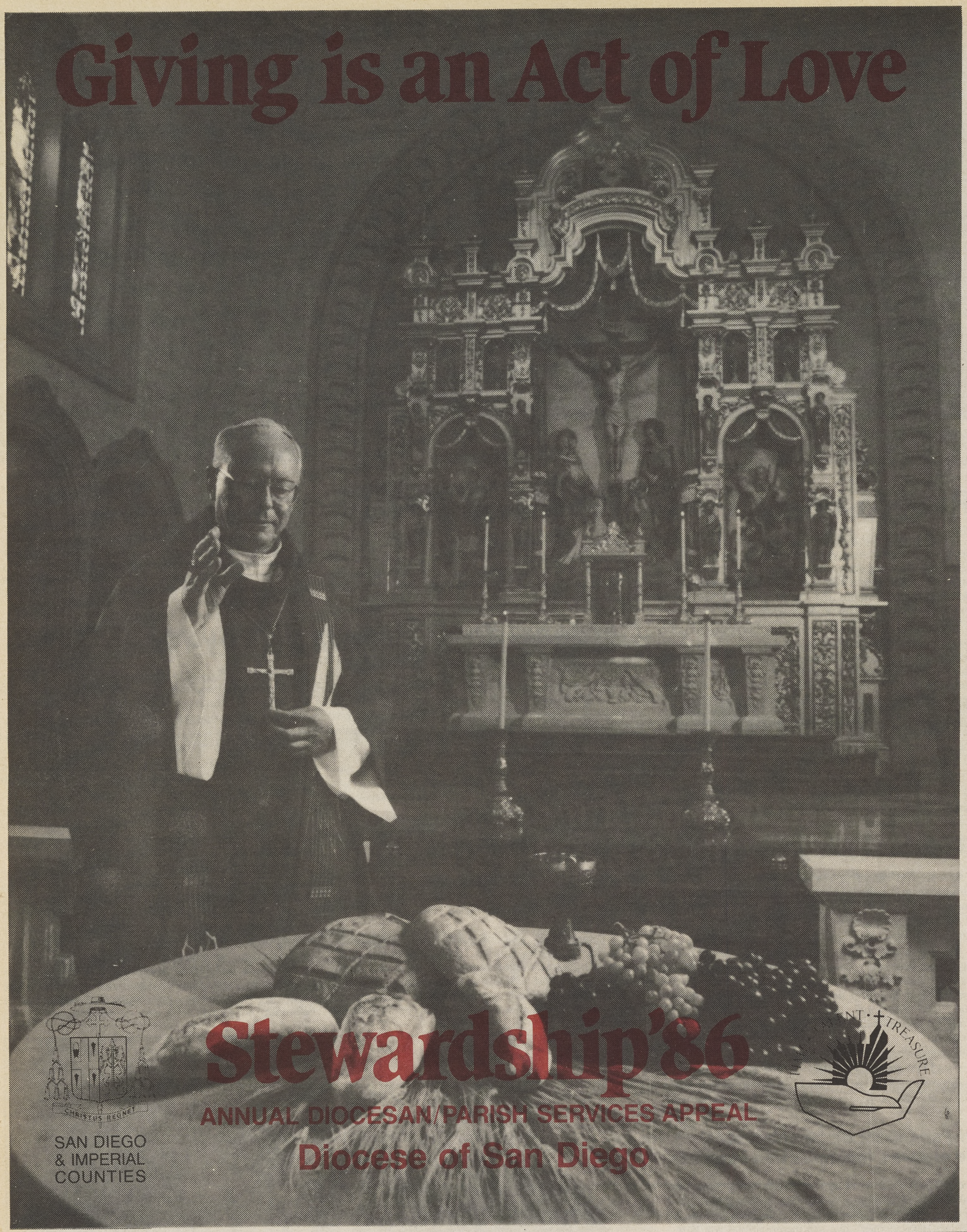
Esta es la primera vez, sin embargo, en que el Papa ha criticado públicamente algunas formas de teología de la liberación, que es popular en el Brasil y en otros países de América Latina.



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AYUDA EMPIEZA — El Arzobispo de Chihuahua, México, Adalberto Almeida y Merino, (izq.), George y Yolanda Walther-Meade, y el Obispo Leo T. Maher posaron para una foto el 23 de enero después de firmar el acuerdo para mandar ayuda a través de SHARE, programa diocesana de alimentación, al estado de Chihuahua. Los Walther-Meade asistieron en la coordinación de este acuerdo para proporcionar alimentos del programa internacional de Food For Peace *al pueblo de este estado mexicano.*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

You and I are facing a great mission together. An unparalleled opportunity for evangelization is the challenge for our diocese as seven new parish communities are being established. The theme of Stewardship '86 meets challenge — "Giving is an Act of Love." As land must be purchased and basic buildings built, and new parishes cannot pay interest on these developments, so the Diocese, for some time, must carry substantial interest payments for them, I call on you to make special sacrifices in your Stewardship commitment. The language of love is action — by giving generously you are advancing the cause of evangelization in our diocesan community.

Our ministries to the diocese must also be maintained — all levels of Catholic education, feeding and caring for the poor, our youth and senior citizen apostolates, Catholic Community Services, all need our constant support.

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Devotedly in Christ,

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